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4th day 4m. 5l. 1843 Spent the morning as usual in attention to my Meteorological Journal some Mechanical labor for domestic purposes reading & family devotional reading had a Call from Jacob Dantzeisen and his wife in consequence of my interview with them at their own home yesterday relative the former entering again into my employment — which finally results in an engagement for the year — at 24 ℔ month and the use of the house which I built for their accommodation when he formerly lived with us — This arrangement will disappoint Alex. of the house in which he hoped to remain. if he should find any business in this place — I spent some time afterward in consultation with him and with Sears in relation to setting up Alex. with a Cab as the only business for which his health seems adequate and I am doubtful if it be adequate for the exposure to the weather which this is likely to involve — I respect him and his wife and would make some sacrifice to serve them. rem. of the forenoon at

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the Cg. House — after dinner went to the Office of my Uncle William to act with others of the Onondaga Salt Coy in relation to the appointment of the trustees under the new act of incorporation — Called afterward at my Aunt Mary's on business, and then finished the hours of business at the Cg. House Coy. at home — reading principally a number of a new Religious Paper called the Christian World

5th day 6th Occupied as usual before breakfast — then to the Bank — but too late for the directors meeting — and to the Cg. House at 11 went to the Quarterly Meeting of Friends which was in Session to day — The communications were numerous but quite in the mediocrity — not however destitute of the earnest sincerity which rendered them measurably edifying — In the second meeting there was little aside from the usual routine of business — the answers to the Queries did not indicate any special advance in the Temp.ce reform — But on this subject as well as others particularly that of Slavery the quiet temperament which is modern

times has characterized the Society, if it does not leave them behind others gives them no claim to that precedence which was formerly accorded with justice to this over other Sects — We had no Company at dinner though I solicited several — — I went to the Cg. Room in the latter part of the afternoon, and walked out to my brother Benjamins to tea where mad Chase H. Sister P & the three elder Children had gone in advance — I being later from an ignorance of their plans of conveyance — Brother and Sister Eliza were there having dined there also

6th. day 7th Occupied in the morng. as usual forenoon at the Cg. House — but principally spent in consultation with Willard Sears in reference to aiding Alex. who has this day given place to Jacob Dantzeisen in my employment, to set up a Cab for passengers about Town. — which finally resulted in a joint liability in conjunction with Enoch C. Bursley on Alex. note at six months for $1400 — to be discounted at the B. C. Bank on 2 day next, — On the Strength of which W. Sears & himself went this afternoon to Boston to attend the weekly Sale of Vehicles & horses there tomorrow — I was at the Cg House in the afternoon — and in the evg made a Call with ma Chase H. at Mrs Williams.

7th. day 8th Occupied day & evg at home revising and copying the Report of the Temperance Com.e, made one call down Street for family objects, and in the evg went to the Cg. House which was opened by Edmund in the forenoon. to deposite my books & Workapa

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On returning I stopped a minute at the Mechanics Hall and the closing of a Speech by Elliot with reference to the Election of Second day next it was Spirited and appropriate to the occasion — others who had heard the whole spoke in high commendation of this unpremeditated effort. Colby had Spoken earlier in the evening with much ability and interest — Our little Children Frank and Ellen took a ride yesterday in their grandmothers Carriage to Asa Ande Benj.n Jarmans — their mother improved the occasion to make a Call at Th. Roberson's — Franks cold Seems to have been rather increased by the exposure, which was too long made so by an errand to town by their Cousin Eliz.a Weld which detained them longer than was anticipated — Susans injurin Shoulder Seems to be improving under Dr. Reads present prescription bathing or fomenting it with a decoction of Wh. Oak bark —

1.st day 9.th Attended Meetings as usual. and in the Ev.g was detained at home by Sundry calls from fulfilling my intention of making a visit at our Cousin James Arnolds which the numerous Claims on my time have prevented me doing for a long time. our cousin W.S. Rotch and Tho.s A. Greene; the latter to return my report for the Temp.ce Com.ee — which he did me the kindness to correct. Matthew & Rachel Howland returned this morng. from their visit to Burlington &c — and were at mg. this afternoon —

2 day 10.th Spent the Morning in copying a part of the Temp.ce Report — at 9 attended the Bank

to procure an accom.ᵈᵃ for A.G. Ryder in setting up his Cab — Thence to the Town Hall where the Polls were opened for the election of Municipal Officers — The Forenoon was principally occupied in observing the passing events and mingling with the crowd then congregated. The Whig Party having an evident ascendency — The frustration of business in our place & the depression generally prevailing having brot. a deeper consideration to the minds of men heretofore following with little thought or attention the dictation of their loco foco leaders — Afternoon partially occupied in the same way — Remᵈ at the Cy. House — Evg. at home having the company of Brother Benj.ⁿ & family, Brother and Sister Eliza to tea — also Mr. Lamb[illegible] incidentally —

3ᵈ day 11ᵗʰ By previous appointment I rode to my brother Benj.ⁿ after breakfast to take a seat with him in going to Fall River to attend the Mg. of the Pocasset Cy — went by the northerly road and arrived about 11 — there was a full attendance of the Compʸ or their representatives — and the business of the annual Mg. deferred from the 1ˢᵗ Monday for lack of a quorum was transacted with such other as circumstances required before dinner — dined at the Pocasset House with the Stockholders with the exception of Wᵐ Litᵈ who went to N.R. Robeson's and M.H. Ruggles whose habits to conform to his wifes Dietetic System, which appears to have been beneficial to

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her health after the meal till about 6 Oclk
— After further attention to the concerns
of the Cy. after dining — Chs. Bnj.a & Self walked
by the New bridge and the shore and made
a pleasant call on Sister Lydia & family —
found her less unwell than I had hoped — not
having heard that she had for some time been
troubled with a periodical headache — which is
thought to be aggravated by the light, and par-
ticularly by using her eyes in reading &c we
made a pleasant visit — but fear that
she may have suffered more in consequence
of the slight incidental excitement — Mary
has recently had a Piano procured for her &
is taking lessons with Julia White as a
companion in Musical & other Studies —
— reached home by the Smiths-Mills route at
6¼ Oclk — attended the Lyceum. the
last lecture of the season — by Bnj.a S Rotch on
the border wars of our own Country — which was
very good — but not quite so much imbued
with the Pacific principles of Christianity as we
have been in keeping with the tenets of his
family & relations — called at mothers and
cousin Eliza Barneys on errands declining from
my Fall River Joint — Chs. seems yet much
oppressed with his Cold
4th Day 12th Occupied as usual in the morning
writing up this journal filling the Cisterns with Edm.
help &c — Devotional reading omitted in consequence of
the late rising of the family relatively to the earlier hour
of breakfast 7 Oclk — gave attention to sundry items

relating to my house on 7th St. the lease of one tenement being out, but failed of seeing any of the parties — Some time at the Cg. House before noon — found that Geo. Howland had begun the job of laying his wall for the Store South of my lot. Afternoon at A.D. Richmond's Shop directing the adjustment of my new and more accurate thermometers for use in keeping my journal. after dessert — (or 6 Oclk) went to the Cg. Hse where I was detained till near Dark — e.g. at home. — little Anna Robeson was here this afternoon on a visit to Ellen. — Sue at C.N. Morgan's — Ed & Mary & Sister P at Chel and the two former at T. Riddell's afterward — Frank & Eliz. Weld called here to day, the former having arrived from N. Orleans yesterday eve they both leave for Boston to-morrow morning — Eliz. seemed very happy on the occasion

5th day 13th Occupied about home in the morning as usual, after breakfast at the Cg. Hse &c till about Mtg time which I left to attend but finding that my watch had deceived me as to the time I turned back and called at Mothers, &c &c — After dinner and attending at the Pen. Hse 3 Oclk called at Uncle Wms relative to the Belle Vue Est. Newport — called also at Mary Earls relative to the Tent. which She has occupied by the kindness of Mrs Riddell & her friends for the last 44 years — Remd of the Afternoon at the Cg. House and at Judge Spooner's Office &c relative to the Tennessee Cause — Eve at Sister Sarah's with Mr chre H. Mary & Ed. to tea &c, Mother & Sister E. & Andrew & Anna called there —

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6th day 14th At home morning occupied as usual called at mothers after breakfast. and at several other places on business partly relating to the Temp.ce Cause got to the Cg. House about 10 Clk - afternoon at the Cg. House leav.g home about three O'clk the hour of one of my Meteorological notes. Rec.g principally at home - found that one cheese H. had been taken in by an ignorant Irish woman who had offered her an article for polishing Silver and restoring worn plate - I made some enquiry of others in the neighborhood who had been cheated in the same way - and hearing of the place. quite near us where she had taken lodgings I called on her and returned the Six cakes (composed probably of mercury combined with Whiting & Rotten Stone) and took back the money which had been paid - Cautioning her not to continue her impositions as the valued her personal liberty.

7th Day Aside from the usual morning duties I was engaged in writing letters and for some time after breakfast Copying them and preparing notices to the Temp.ce Com.e - relative to the Articles in the Warrant for the Ann.l Town Meeting (the 4th) which was referred to them - Then went about my mercantile & Cg House business - Afternoon at the Cg. House, rec.g as home - our nephew Rodman Morgan with us at tea & Mary's friend Georgiana Riddell in the ev.g - Tho.s is rather better of his cold but it is yet severe and confines him to the nursery Frank is nearly well and may probably return to his Studies at the Academy next week

7th 1st day 16th Attended Mtgs. as usual. Had Religious & Moral Papers — and in the 33d report of the B. of Com.rs for foreign Missions — corrected a proof of the Temp.ce report in the evg by request of the Printer — and after delivering it stopped a few minutes at Liberty Hall where Jno. A. Collins was delivering a Lecture — as I suppose on Anti Slavery. but from what I heard I suppose it was an attack on the existing State of Society generally and in advocacy of the Ohio Community system. — I soon had enough of it and left to look in upon the Mormons at Mechanic's Hall but they had risen — called therefore a moment at the Millerite meeting over the New Stores on 'Cheapside' — they were about rising — a meeting was announced for every evg. the present week — Sally Hammond took tea with us and went with Sister L the 2 elder Children to Church in the evg.

2d day 17th Morning at home in physical labour &c — after breakfast to the Cg. Hse after being at the bank and mothers — Spent the afternoon at the Meeting of the Subscribers to the Mutual Marine Ins.ce Cg — which lasted till dark — thence to the Cg. Hse to deposite my books for the night, called on my return at Mothers and took a hearty meal that I might be in season at the Mtg. of the Temp.ce Com.e at the same place as the Ins.ce Cg. meeting viz the Office of the Inst.n for Savings, to consider the 41.

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Article of the Warrant for the Ann. Town Mg.
— On returning home stopped a few minutes at Liberty Hall where Jno. A. Collins was lecturing to a small audience — Thence proceeding I stopped a few minutes at the Millerite Meeting — which was also very small — the size of both being probably in a considerable degree referable to the weather wch was rainy — I was not pleased with what I heard by J. A. C's speech — it breathed I thot. of a Spirit little allied to the Gospel of Peace
5. day 18th Morning at home in my usual occupations — forenoon at the Cg. House. Mo thers & afternoon at the adj. meeting of the Mutual Insurance Cy — which held till nearly night at its close — repaired to the Cg. House and wrote till dark — Called at my neighbor's T. D. Elliot to have a deed acknowledged and passed the remr of the W.J at home S. Rodman Morgan & Geo. Riddle with us to tea &c —
4th day 19th At home in the morning and at the Cg. House &c. during the business hours of the day — returned home too late to take my evg meal with the family — and after tea I had occasion to make a call or two on business requiring attention consequent on instructions recd. by the W.J. mail — The benevolent or Sewing Society of young women met here this afternoon —
5th day 20th After the usual morning work went out on errand of business — but was back in

time for the morning reading. after breakfast at the Bank Directors meeting and C.G. House, attended Friends Mid week Mtg- and wrote at home till dinner time, thence to the Post-Office presuming that the hour of closing the mail for N. York was later in the short days but in this I was mistaken which obliged me to go to the Rail Road Depot, — thence to the C.G. House till evg + at C.M. Morgans at tea with a small Company Bro. Wm & Geo. Hussey Families Bro. Benj — Wm & Mrs Peabody Sam & Emma and M: Morrison — Mrs. M. continues ill and suffers considerable pain though I believe there is not much anxiety in regard to her ultimate recovery — Fred Robeson who returned last evg. from his Bridal Journeys with Andw was also there —

6th Day 21st — Morning at home, Day devoted to my Mercantile & C.G. House duties, had a call from D. Lambert with a letter of introduction from M. H. Ruggles Recommending his lectures on Physiology & Anatomy illustrated by a model of a man — He lectures gratuitously last evg and begins his private or Pay Course this evg I apprised him of the poor success of D. Cutler in a similar course last autumn and could not encourage him to hope for very flattering success — He was however Some What Sanguine and anticipated more favorable results — I was interested in the lecture he Stated many facts which it is very desirable that all Should Know — but the importance of such information is not adequately appreciated in our community I Mr. Judge that his audience numbered about 50 or 60 persons, perhaps an equal proportion of each Sex —

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7th day 22 Morning at home forenoon principally spent at the Town Hall this being the day of the adjournment of the Ass.d Town Meeting — much time was lost in consequence of Jeff. Coffins attempt to show off by opposing the course proposed by the report of the School Committee — but he was well met by Mr. Page Chr. of that Com.ee and others and about the middle of the afternoon the question was taken and showed shewed the little fawn with white his perverse course was met with the citizens — My private affairs hindered me from being present at the Mtg. in the afternoon — having referred to a Shipment of Merchandise for New York — in the latter part of the afternoon I took a seat with Sister Eliza in my Mothers Carriage with little Ellen & B.C. Morgan to go to Jo.s Congdon's beautiful Cottage on Clarke Cove to supply some omissions in my Journal of the weather which occurred during my indisposition last Month — Sister E stopped at the Orphans home while the rest of us went on to effect my object — The Children were delighted with the ride — we stopped in at the Asylum on returning — Mr. Briggs is the matron and they now have Eleven little Children who appear healthful and happy — On getting home I went to complete my business and while onboard the vessel at Parkis's Wharf there was an alarm of fire which proved to be in W.m Sowins Candle Works in the immediate vicinity — The prompt efforts of the firemen soon ar-

lingushed it. before it reached the exterior of the building though of wood — This event detained me till about 8 Oclk — when I went to Mrs Lambert's see. lecture and heard a considerable portion of it — left however before its close he having left the scientific part of his subject to expatiate on Education in Schools, which I thot rather indicative of Self conceit and Garrulity in so young a man — the latter trait I suppose is incidental to public lecturers — of the ordinary stamp —

1st day 23. Attended Meetings as usual the weather being unpleasant, the attendance was small particularly in the afternoon — Mary & Edmund Thos were at Grace Church in the aftn. the former was also there at the S. S. class — I believe I was the only one at Mtg. from the family in the afternoon — Thos Mackenzie & Sue being more or less invalids — had devotional reading & hymns by the children in the evg —

2d day 24th Usual occupations at home in the morning — Day devoted to my mercantile business, which involved two rides to Fairhaven, rather late at the C J. House so that I deferred my evg. meal till after the Physiological lecture — the first of which I lost — it was chiefly on the Circulatory System and very interesting the audience quite respectable in number probably double of what there was at the last lecture & 3 fold of the first —

3d day 25th Morning at home reading &c till near 10 Oclk. took off the Suspension weights of the

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Green House door, they having become detached by the breaking of the Chain — devoted the rem: of the day to my mercantile business in which I was employed most of the afternoon with Frank in taking an acc: & Shipping some Merchandize for N. York — On Evening went to the C.J. Room and was there engaged till 10 — when stopping to take a hasty meal at my brothers I went to the Physiological lecture, where I was pleased to find Edm. & Mary — This lecture was about as well attended as the last — and could not fail to be profitable the subject the lungs and injurious consequences of Compression — Our little Ellen had some of her little friends to visit her — She was disappointed that cousin Eliz: Angiers Children were not of the number — they with their mother are now on a visit at the Parental Mansion Rodman being also here from Pen: or Delaware where his permanent residence as a farmer is to be on his marriage now near at hand.

4th Day 26th Engaged in usual employments in the morng — after breakfast refitted the Green House trap door, thence to the bank &c C.J. Hse &c — detained late in preparing letters &c for the Mail part of which was done at Chas. Morgans House, afternoon at the C.J. House and Evg. at the Lecture by Mr. Lambert on Physiology the last of the Course — On the Skin chiefly attendance about as the two preceding lectures though the tickets have been (as I believe) reduced to 12½ ¢ for

Journal of the last lecture, He states that his receipts had not met his expenses — He therefore announced another for men over 20 to morrow eve — The result has turned out as I expected from D. Cutlers experiment — and is not creditable to the intelligence of the Comy — I took tea at Mothers to save time as I was detained late at the C.J. House

5th day 27th At home except an errand to the Bake before breakfast — then to the Bank C.J. House a monthly meeting of which I attended the first sitting afternoon principally spent in correcting the Copy of my Meteorological Journal to be forwarded to Washington to Prof. Espy, and in writing a letter to him — after tea went to the C.J. House to close and deposite my books — and stopped to make a few entries of importance — afterward at home — Mary at a party at her uncle Williams —

6th day 28th Morning at home — forenoon at the C.J. House & in the afternoon had a consultation with Isaac West, Mason relative to some further improvements on the premises of my mothers house on Water Street — thence to the C.J. House till the hour of tea when I came home, having the Company of Anna Dicker and Alfred & Allen, at whose fathers Anna makes her home during the absence of her mother — who is now expected to return from her Winter with her Sister at Butternuts next week, John being now there on a short visit previous to accompanying her home — We had a pleasant visit from our young friends — in addition to whom Caroline Fleming and Mary Rotch were invited but declined being previously engaged —

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7th Day 29th — Walked out before breakfast with little Ellen on some family & May Morning preparatory errands — May baskets of flowers become a subject of thought with the Children — After breakfast at the Cg House &c — After dinner partially occupied in replenishing our writing pictures with new ink in substitution for such as had become depreciated by time and air. Dem. of the hours of Day light, at the Cg House and in procuring some very Coarse towelling to add to our bathing conveniences — Eve'g at home — Mrs Thos H. has been at our cousins who are now at the family mansion to make disposition of the furniture and materials which constituted the rich and abundant stock with which the establishment of their dec'd Parents was so fully supplied — She will take some articles, which the Children do not wish to retain, as mementos of the tender and abiding friendship which subsisted between Cousin Anna & herself from early childhood till death suspended that social and affectionate intercourse which was among the chief enjoyments of each. Our Edmund is yet confined to the nursery with his cold — the consequence of imprudent exposure incident to his gardening employments, as was the case also, probably with Thomas — Peter is now nearly well — except that his hearing continues much impaired. Our Mary is visiting this Eg. at Wm & Ruth's — indebted to her cousin Rodman Morgan for the attention which her brothers cannot bestow.

little Wm Josephine Angier made us a visit yesterday — they seemed to be very happy here. The little animal was quite an object of interest.
1st day 30th Rose early Spent the M.G. in some domestic duties writing &c — took also a walk on an errand to A. Robeson's — attended meetings as usual going previously to the Post Office and to my mothers — called after the second M.G. at Cousin James Arnold's — favoral intelligence has been rec.d to day from Jacob Ridgeway — after writing and disposing of a Short letter to go by the Liverpool Steam Ship from Boston. I called to see Eliz.th Angier &c — saw her and Wm.s Emily the latter for the first time since her confinement. She seems quite well again — I must call and see my grand nephew who is represented as a very fine boy — The weather and indispositions detained many of the family from M.G. Frank being again on the invalid list with pain and ague in his teeth &c. Wm Hussey called to see the boys also Chr.t Randall late in afternoon.
2.d day 5 mo 1 — At home in my usual labor and occupations in the morning — the business hours of the day principally at the C.H. House, gave some time to the final decision in regard to the next Passage to the rear of my mothers tenements from William Street. After leaving the C.H. House called at mothers to go with Sister Eliza and Sally Hammond to the Soiree of the Martha Washingtonian Society at the Town Hall. It was well attended and showed a very great & gratifying ascendency of Temperance Principles

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The attendance of the Citizen was good and the pecuniary results will enable these worthy women to do much to promote the Cause of Temp.ce and good morals — The tables were abundantly supplied with refreshments — Cold Water Ice Creams &c — and all retired with clear heads & quiet consciences, and many with grateful feelings at the moral revolution in the habits of Society of which this was one of the striking indications between 10 & 11 Oclk.

3.day 2d Engaged at home in the morning and at the Cg. House through the day Eve'g at home Mary S. Rotch was with us at tea and her brother Horatio came the latter part of the Ev'g — The three boys yet on the invalid list. Franks face considerably swollen — Thos.' deafness continues some Medical prescription of local application has been begun to day to be followed up with the syringe tomorrow in the hope of removing the infirmity — I was mostly occupied this afternoon with an old Colored man a Minister of the Baptist denomination who is seeking through the benevolence of such as he can interest in his story and his situation to get a small house rent free to shelter him and his wife during their remaining years — they were formerly Slaves in Virginia his name is David Norfolk.

4.th day Morning hours at home in accustomed occupations, business hours at the Cg. House & giving some attention to the operations at my

mothers Water S.t House — Eng.d at Mothers Meeting and then rode out to my bro.r Benj.a to consult with him in relation to going to Assonet tomorrow to examine the Abl.h Chace Farm — He declined going — as he had been to day to Fall River and had engagements in Town for tomorrow — Called afterward and saw Mr. Thomas relative to a Piano forte for Mary — She always having had a strong desire to have instruction on that instrument — which I have opposed during her minority — as likely to take her attention from more important acquisitions, and perhaps be the means of introducing her and the other Children to pernicious follies with which music is often associated adverse to just views of life and its great objects, and that rational happiness which can only be realized as the offspring of Religion and virtue — But being now in her twentieth year and still retaining the same desire, which she is willing to indulge under the restraints of Reason & Conscience, I dont know that I ought further to oppose her wishes — and I have thus been led to make the enquiries as mentioned above — I certainly have no other wish in the matter than to do what will be most conducive to the present and permanent happiness of my dear daughter and the other Children who may be indirectly influenced by the ultimate decision.

5.t day 4.th After accomplishing some of my Mag.l duties — I set off in the light Wagon for Fall River about 7 Oclk. got there about 9 — and after taking breakfast at my Sisters — Sister took me

with his horse and wagon to the farm at or about a mile beyond Assonet Village, calling first at the house of Earl Sampson the Administrator of the Estate (that of Abm Chase dec'd) to whom our visit related — Examined the farm &c and afterward the wharf & lot belonging to my fathers Estate at the Village, — and after some conference with Several individuals — we Started on our return — got back to Micah's at 4 p. O'clk. and after a walk on the hill in the rear of his house to see the Splendid edifices lately erected by Joseph & Nathan Durfee — dined with them at their usual hour 5 p. O'clk — left my J. after dinner to order advertisements by hand bills of the Freeman real Estate to be sold on the 10th when I took leave of my bro: in law who had been very kindly devoted to me through the day — and reached home a little before 9. O'clk — found that D. Read had been to see Thos & Frank for their Several ailments — and that leaches behind the ears had been prescribed and applied, with apparent benefit — Many visiting at Th. Riddell's —

6th day 5th Morning at home except a walk to the Post Office — Attended to business at the C.H. House &c Adj — Part of the afternoon home writing &c on business of the Estate, paid some attention to the workmen employed in making a passage as a west entrance to the tenements of my mother on Water St — after tea called on Sister Sarahs on an errand for ma chose H

and finishd the w.g. in writing to C.C. Stewart of St. John N.B. who has arrived from his visit to England as I learn by the papers of this w.g — I attended the meeting (annual) of the Trustees of Friends Academy in the forenoon and heard one class in Geometry which occupied about 1½ hours

4th day 6th At home employed in my usual occupations physical & mental in the morning. after breakfast forwarded my wifes flowery epistle to M^r Stodd and of Plymouth in return for his annual present of the fragrant Spring flowers the Epigea lately rec^d — gave orders for the removal of the furniture taken by my chm H. of our cousin Rotchs. On the late distribution of the furniture of the Parental establishment — then proposed to go to the town M^g/adjourn^t of the Ann^l — but the City question having been disposed of in the negative, and from the hitherto course the M^g. appeared to be over — I was diverted to my private concerns, though in fact other important business remained to be transacted — among which was the Temp^ce question in which I have a particular interest and wished to be present — It however was disposed of according to my wishes without any opposition — the action of the 2 past years being again renewed — devoted the afternoon and most of the ev^g to D^g House duties, returning to a late supper Stopped some time at mothers to get a copy of the late report of the Temp^ce Com^te to send to E.K. Whitaker who was the Organ of the Com^te of arrangements for a Mass Temp. M^g. proposed to be held at Durham on the 16th Inst invit^g me to attend

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1st. day 7th Attended meetings as usual. otherwise at home through the day — In the evg went with Mary to the Episcopal service Mr. Pollard of Nantucket officiating — Sermon from the text who shall go up to my holy hill — He that hath clean hands and a pure heart — its object to show that external and internal worship ought to be united. that sound forms of prayer & praise were appropriate and heaven Sanctioned accompaniments of the silent worship of the Soul. that what God had joined and illustrated by the glory beauty & melody of the temple of the Universe, should not by man be put asunder. I was interested in the discourse as indicating some originality and vigor of thought — On return'd home found Mr. & Mrs. Elliot here & B.S. Rotch — the former soon left us the latter Staid later. — Samuel Gummere and Benj. Marsh were at mg. to day — and they called here at the close of the afternoon mg accompanied with L. Mr. Hussey & Capt Talbot — Our sons being yet confined to the house with their colds as have been also Sister Phebe & the 2 little Girls. Rachel H. was with me at mg. this afternoon.

2. day 8th mg. as usual at home business hours at the Cg. House &c which were protracted till a little after lamp lighting — mm. of the evg. at home

3. day — mg. Hours as usual — Dayspring apidly at the Cg. House called to see Mary Talbots family — my Ward Delia having engaged herself in Matrimony to Capt Wm. Hinckley of the Jane — which is supposed

to be an eligible match — Eng. at home. Our Misses Mary & Isabel being with us at dinner & Rodman, 3 of Geo Hussey's Children and Robt Howland at tea &c — Ma chere H. was at the Mg of the Otsiekan Home Society to organize under their act of incorporation

4th day 10 — Went with my bro Benj. in the morng. Cars to Providence (Mynicks) there got a conveyance to attend the auction Sales of property in which my father's heirs were interested — stopped at the farm late by occupied by Abr Chace dec — and after looking over it went to the Water lot, where after considerable delay the lot was offered — and finally struck off to Eal Sampson @ $162 — quite too low and as I now believe the effect of a combination of the persons wishing to buy — but as it had been long unproductive I tho it might be sold as Benj. also appeared to, to let it go

dined at Lawton's — and then repaired to the farm — which was offered — and finally struck off to me at $155 & as at that rate for the past sold by the Adm — I then having ascertained that I have the shares of the other heirs @ $1600 — offered the whole of any one would take that sum — a bid was made by Lot Strange — and it was struck off to him — it is cheap but all things considered — better sold so than retained — We left for Mynicks at 4 & a Qk and about ½ before 6 took seats in the Cars — and were

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at the Depot about 6 ½ — I stopped at the Cg House to make preparation for going to Boston tomorrow — but on getting home found that little Sue had increased her cold so that the journey must be deferred — Dr Read called to see her in the eg. — She had a slight chill in the forenoon and is quite feverish this eg.

5th day 11 — At home & at the Cg. room before breakfast and till 10 hour when I went to Friends mid week Mg — at its close returned home and was chiefly occupied in writing in relation to the transfer of the farm at Aronek — Eg at the Meeting of the Trustees Mg for organizing &c Sister Eliza took tea with us

6th day 12th Mg. at home in usual employments. part of the forenoon at the Supreme Court relating to the Oil Contract or Sale between Dr Fisher & B. Howard sent: at the Cg. Hse — Most of the afternoon at home writing in the Books of the Estate & Whf. Eg — Sent: at the Cg house &c — Eg. at home — our 4 elder Children took tea at their Cousin Emily's

7th day 13th Morng Chiefly at home occupied as usual; devoted the usual business hours to Cg. House duties writing letters for the Steam Packet Ship Hibernia for Liv: on the 15th &c In the afternoon my inventions were frustrated by Cg House Visitors Thos. H Greene was there looking over the pa-

pers of my late Uncle Thos. Rotch of whose will I was Executor. to add to his collection of Autographs — but the principal interruption was occasioned by Jas. Stubbs one of our Washingtonian Lecturers. who submitted or read parts of a Manuscript which he has written for publication designed to inform the Sailors of which profession he has been in nearly every grade — and devoting his time as he does almost entirely to the Cause which is of such vital importance I was willing though very inconvenient to submit to the interruption and give him that sympathy which I felt and which seemed very grateful to him — He has lectured pretty extensively in this part of the State and obt. about 11000 Signatures to the Total Abstinence pledge — I got home rather late — and remained there on three elder Children at their Grandmothers to tea with Mary Ruggles — Dr Reed called in the eve — Our little girls colds are better but Susan yet somewhat feverish — her Cough is much less severe & frequent —

1st Day 14th Attended Meetings as usual — Mercy Anne H with me in the forenoon with Thos & Fros — in our absence little Sue had another slight chill followed by fever — Dr Reed was called to see her again — her mother not willing to leave her in the afternoon — I was at home with the exception of ½ hour in the day & eve called at Mothers and at Sister Annes — went to the Lot

ter place to see Ch. Fisher who has been in and out of Town several days, stay J. at Ch. W. Morgans where I designed going till I learned that he was spending the day at ~~Mr~~ found Judge Prescott at our house on my return

2. day 15th - Went to the R.R. Depot, & as Sundry other places with reference to transporting my Oil by the Rodman from Robeson's wharf to the Oil Works by means of my large Scow - and the latter object I was devoted most of the day - being disappointed in regard to the tides by the Oil not being ready seasonably for delivery which, occasioned ten times the labor in discharging, took down however a second load and landed about half the same way, top high water being required for discharge by rolling - Ch. Fisher took tea with us - Fred. & Rodman were expected but their late return from the fishing party at the Dumpling Rock, projected for 6 P.M. (but he was detained by a sick headache) prevented their being here, except Fred. who came when the exp. was considerably spent

3. day 16th - Went to the wharf before breakfast - after the men had discharged and arranged the Oil - they took the Scow to Pope's Island to raise the Sunken Scow, partially failed being too late on the tide, took down the Crane - and then went in the whale boat to examine the Stones at the Isle of Shark with reference to getting some there to finish & chock up my wharf wall across the dock &c - finding no thing there worth our going after with the Scow

— finished dismantling the Sunken Scow & her mast & Shrouds — and after landing them got a mast for a cap to the Dock wale — I spent the latter part of the afternoon at the Cg. House Saw Wm. H. & Robert Swain in the Street they having recently returned from a winters residence in the Western Islands whither they went on account of their health, Roberts' mainly. — both appeared pretty well — Our Mary & Fan. went yesterday with their Aunt Eliza in her Grandmothers Carriage to Fall River the object being mainly to take M. Ruggles home. Sister Phebe also went; and returned, our two Children remaining to make a visit of a few days to their Aunt &c. We omitted making fires in the Parlor & Nursery to day — They having been found inconvenient yesterday — We have had a little in the open fire place in Mr. R's room on account of our daughter Susan

4th Day 17th My at home — much of my time to day given to the work at the Wharf — I rowed Myself to the Island to secure the Sunken Scow in her new position near the upland where she was floated by the tide last night — Eve. at home after a late tea, having been detained at the Cg. House till Candle light. — J —

5th Day 18th Morning principally occupied in Domestic duties — except a short time at the Cg. House — forenoon at wharf till the 1st hour — when I repaired to the Place of worship — and at its close returned to my Cg. House duties — afternoon Spent in directing & overseeing the wharf work and at the Cg. House Eve. at home after a late Supper — The Piano Forte

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which I had engaged for Mary was brot. home this afternoon — I hope that my thus yielding to the wishes of the family will not prove an injury to them by leading them into greater laxity & love of exciting pleasures aside from those more substantial and permanent sources of rational enjoyment which consist in a conformity to the sober dictates of duty & reflection — The only legitimate influences which should control a being like man placed in a world adapted with infinite wisdom in its endless variety and beauty and harmony running through apparent discrepancies and disorder to develope the high powers and capabilities of the soul — to lead it to the love and adoration of its adorable and beneficent author, as a preparation for the more exalted rank of being which Christianity reveals to our hopes and aspirations as the final end of this terrestrial pilgrimage — Our little girls were almost in extacy in anticipating the pleasure of their sister on finding the instrument on her return to-morrow from her visit at Fall River — little Sue seems better and I hope she may be able to leave soon her room and enjoy on a more extended scale the beauties of the new creation which are so prodigally spread over the face of nature in the glories of the Spring. Ma chere H had a call from Miss Sherman Jr which was very pleasant to her — he is a man of unpretending but unequivocal worth.

6th day 19th Spent the day principally at the wharf and C.G. House. evg. at home. Called at A. Robertsons 7th day 20th with reference to the return of our daughter Mary from Fall River, as it did not appear convenient to send specially for her. Saw my Nephew Andrew for the first time since his marriage — he having come yesterday with his bride from Providence or Fall River — Edmund being very desirous to go for his sister, though troubled with a cold which seemed to make it scarcely prudent — he went for her in the buggy and they got back a little after Sunset. I joined the family at tea, after a day Spent at the C.G. House & wharf &c — Mary was agreeably surprised to find the Piano in the parlour — rec.d by Hatch's Express from the Rev. John Pierpont the "Southern Harp" a book of devotional Music, or rather through his orders, I having written to him on the subject in consequence of a Conversation which we had with him at our house in 1841 — at the same time was rec.d a letter from him enclosing one for his nephew John P. Langdon who had just returned from an unsuccessful voyage of 40 mos. in the Desdemona — asking my attention to its delivery and requesting me to promote his immediate return to Boston that he might see his Sister who was in the last Stages of Consumption at his house — I went imp. on this errand, found him had him furnished with a new Suit of clothes and

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procured him an order from J. H. Crocker for his passage in the Cars to-morrow morning — all passengers being excluded from the Sunday train which runs to Mansfield to bring the Steam boat Mail & Passengers from N. York except on urgent occasions — I took much time in getting the Ticket master (J. H Crockers) order as it was late before he got to his lodgings at the Parker House — this accomplished I stopped at W. P. Cadwells Shop and wrote a hasty letter to Mr. Crispont and took both to Mr. Nickersons, the young mans boarding house — It was past Eleven when I got home —

1st day 21st Attended Meetings as usual took a nap after dinner of more than usual length to make up for the shortness of my night — otherwise I passed the day at home — Ma chere H remained at home through the day with the little girls — She ails she being an invalid with pain in the face — Sister R. also confined at home with a cold — Edmund & Mary at the Episcopal Services as usual — Mary however omitted her attendance at the Sabbath School

2d day 22. M.M.G. at home — attended the Bank Directors M.G. and then returned home to bring up the Rear of the Temp.ce M.G. which my engagements had made me post pone called at 1/2 11 A.M. to with Mary and Edmund to see Thos. H Harmar Morgan at their Sons pretty little Cottage on Hawthorne Street

— saw Hannah and Car^e — but the Father & Son were Out — called in return J. at Uncle Wm's and afterward to see my new niece Mary Roberson — whom I found much affected with a Colds — afternoon at the Cg. House, Evg. at Sister Anna's party for her newly married Children — which was large and for such occasions very pleasant — I made two or three new acquaintances. Dr. Roche, Mr. Samuel Beane and Caroline Benton — Mary Ruggles went with our three elder Children & myself — Machen H. being too much indisposed by an affection of the face

3. day 23 — Morning at home — business hours of the day at the Cg. House & Rec^d with Jos. C. Page after dinner he having been discharged from the H. of Cor.^n on 7.th day last — he was free from liquor — but confessed that he on the day of his discharge his good resolutions were overcome by his morbid appetite and I learned otherwise that he was drunk on 1.st day —. He said he had been provided a Booth's work by Abbot. Editor of the "Standard" — and was told to be there on 2.d day Morg — but he had not been, pleaded that he was not well enough — but at my request he accompanied me to the Office and I made many unsuccessful enquiries in the neighborhood for Mr. A. but did not succeed in finding him — but left Page at the Office to wait his return — Eve. at home — Mr. Lambert took tea with us

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4th. day 24th — Morn. at home except a short errand — made a call at my bro. Wms. Cs. the on business, the interview not very satisfactory — the day Chiefly devoted to Cs. the duties thereof detained late at home in the afternoon by endeavors to allay a serious disturbance among the family assistants — Eve. at home — Isabel Morgan with us at tea — Sister P. is confined to little Sue's room to day her cold being very oppressive — little Sue appears better but her cough has not wholly left her and She is feeble

5th. day 25th. Went to the Rail Road depot and Bro. Benj.n's place before breakfast, and paid some attention to my pasture enclosures and took some precautions to ascertain whether any of the Cows were liable to let down the bars — after being at the Bank, called and had some conversation with mother relative to Mary's Piano &c. told her I wished to have consulted her but finally thought she would as liefer be excused from subject — She feared that dancing would follow — but told her I had taken special care to guard against that as a consequence and it was well understood by the Children. On leaving her I went to the Cs House — just before getting there I met Cs. Howland who introduced a conversation about the continuation of Water Street across Snelli's Lot and said that I had the power to compel him to give the passage — but I replied if I had the power I had not the right to use it — That it would

spoil his lot for its present mode of occupation as a lumber yard and subject him to much expense — that at the time of our agreement in relation to filling our respective lots that this was not foreseen or anticipated except as a remote contingency, and was by no means one of the conditions of our respective action — He however pretty clearly implied that he sh? not compleat his part of the Street but upon that condition though he did not mean to stop his operation of mud digging which had been delayed contrary to his wishes by the protracted use of the boat & Scows at Heath away & Lacie's wharf — on leaving George I went to the Cg. House where I had a short interview with Jas. Stubbs and the person with whom he is in treaty for a small house and lot in Fairhaven — thence I went to the meeting of our Society but did not stay to the monthly business session — after noon took some measures relative to my farming business and then went to the Cg. House — took tea with the family and after rode out with reference to my planting at the north lot — then made a call at Uncle Williams, and afterwards attempted to make a call at my nephew S. W. Rodman's — but they were not at home — G. Riddell & I believe the Randalls & S. R. Morgan were with our two elder children in the wg. N. Briggs & the others of the family. Sis mothers or Susans room — or having S. May baskets &c — Sis the Whole part of the day in bed with her summer

6th day 26th. Morn'g. at home business hours at the Cg. House &c in the ev'g. called at Mathews and went with Machere H to see Mary Robeson. at Sister Anna's — on getting home found Thomas a man in the employ't. of Dr. Read and a cousin of Mary Dolan late my wife's cook who left us abruptly this forenoon on acc't. of dissatisfaction with the other family. assistants — which machere H— self unavailingly endeavored to adjust in a conversation with the parties yesterday afternoon — explained to him our view of the matter which we considered to have its origin in the suspicious and ungoverned temper of Mrs D.

7th day 27th Wrote a del.a letter for the R.R. Express before breakfast — Spent most of the forenoon at home writing an article to correct some misstatements in the N. Standard — called at Edw'd. C. Jones to press his sending the Iris to my whf. She arrived to day next P. about 2/3 of a cargo of Sp'm Oil — 1400 bls — out abt. 4½ months. — Sister Lydia came from Fall River soon after 1 Oclk to take Mary home, not having got the letter which was written yesterday by the latter to apprise her of her wish to stay till next week — She remained with us and made a very pleasant visit till between 4 & 5 Oclk when she set off on her return Mary to follow next week We pressed her to stay over night as the weather was slightly raining — but she thought it best for her to go. as she would not be exposed to the wet — I then went to the Cg. House and rem'd. till twilight rem'd of the ev'g at home — The Children busy in preparing and having C. Mary barbecue. pressed also their mother into the service

1st day 28th Attended meetings as usual — in the forenoon with ma Chere H & Mary Russell & Ellen to attend with Rhet & Frank — Sister C a nurse-ry companion of little Sue — and not less of an invalid — Benj.n Rotch called in the ev-ed & the two Marys at church —

2d day 29th attended at the Bank Directors' Meeting — and thence repaired to the C.J. Howe where I was called upon by Abm Russell of Dartmouth who came to make a division of our joint responsibility on the note held by him by new notes for the just am.t of our respect-ive liabilities — to complete the business to his satisfaction I soon after he left fol-lowed him to my bro.r Wm C.J. House — and the matter was finally disposed of and I hope that all the disagreeable concomitants may be soon forgotten — remr of the day at the C.J. House protracted into the ev — about 9 O'clk I returned home and went to Aunt Mary's party — which was gay but pleasant — hou-ing pretty late — it being 1 Oclk before we got home —

3d day 30th Spent the day mostly in C.J. House until 3 Pk called about noon with ma Chere H & Mary to see Rodman and Helen Rotch & Clark & Anna Wharton — Did not find the latter at their brother Griffith Morgans but we met them as we were returning — Gave some time to the Temp.ce Cause — and in the ev. went to a Party at my nephew S. W. Rodmans where the time was mostly spent in the fashion-

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able amusement of dancing by the young and looking on by the elder classes — Mother was there at the special & pressing request of Emma — but retired comparatively early myself and the 4 children including Mary Ruggles were not at home till nearly or quite midnight — My dear H was detained by the invalids at home, Sister Phebe having been attacked to day for the Stricture at the Chest —

4th day 31st Performed the usual morning duties — forenoon at the C.G. House partly engaged on Temperance business remainder of the business hours at the C.G. House. Eve. at the Party for the 3 brides at my Uncle Williams, though of course mainly intended for his new Grand daughter his Grand Son Rodman's wife — Sister Anna Wharton also here, incidentally. and And. Robeson & his bride receiving the attentions of their relations here — My dear H as well as the four elder children (including our niece Mary Ruggles — was there also — It was a pleasant evening — the sociality not being superceded by Music and Dancing — My Uncle & my mother in the enjoyment of health and all their faculties at their advanced age were objects of interest with the visitants in the earlier walks of life — We were at home before 11. leaving about 10½ Oclk — Sister Phebe and little Lee appear more comfortable the

latter was below Stairs, at tea I believe —
5th. Day Dec.: 1 — Morning at home devotional
reading omitted — late in rising and A. Robe-
son called at 7 h OClk for M. Ruggles to take
her to Fall River — he waited while she took
a hurried breakfast — Called at the Bank
and finished the forenoon at the C.J. room — I sh.
have attended the Mg. of Friends, but I had been
so curtailed of my usual quantum of Sleep for
the last few nights that I could not probably
have profited by it — latter part of the afternoon
at the C.J. House — wg. at the meeting of the
Town Sup.ts Com.e at the Office of the Inst.n
for Savings which was well attended and
I hope there will be more Zealous action
during the present year than there was dur-
ing the past
6th. Day 2d. At home in the morning in the
usual occupations. Day principally passed
at the C.J. House — wg. at home — Mr. Chese
H. made a call towards wg. at mothers, also
at Lister Annis with reference to a woman who
had applied to serve her as Cook — She had
lived at Blakes and to my regret my wife
went there to enquire about her A. and A. Rob-
son kindly leaving her Company and then awaiting upon her home — Ans.r was
not altogether Satisfactory — which taken in con-
nection with the fact that She had been much
accustomed to Irish situations though probably well
skilled in her department, made us conclude that
She would not suit our habits and wishes —
possibly Sister Anne may like to have her

in which case, we can have Sister A's present assistant in that line who though not very Competent on extraordinary occasion will probably answer our purposes pretty well — My objection to inquiring at Blakes arose from his own Selling and otherwise exceptionable character together with his personally offensive treatment which I have received in relation to my duties as one of the Com^rs of the Town for suppressing the pernicious traffic.

1^st day 3^d — Occupied till near the dining hour at home in usual occupations and in writing up as Sec^y. the record of the Temperance meeting — a small portion of the forenoon and the latter part of the afternoon at the C.H. House where I remained till the shades of ev^g. induced me to suspend my labors. Called in the afternoon to make a pay^t. as Treasurer of the Colch. Wh. Cl. to my Aunt Mary She was not in Town having gone with M. Gifford to visit Mi father at Westport prior to their setting off to spend some weeks at Saratoga for the benefit of my aunts health — She having been a good deal unwell the past winter with a Catarrhal affection — ev^g. at home Sister C. is better and little Sue has taken her meals below Stairs for 2 or 3 days —

1^st day 4^th attended Friends' meeting A.M. & P.M. and passed the rem^r. of the day & ev^g. at home — C.H. Morgan spent most of the ev^g. with us — Sister P. continues

without much if any improvement — Ma
chere H at home in the afternoon, her-
self still somewhat afflicted with pain
in her face — Rho: with me at mg —
2: day 5th Mg. at home — forenoon de-
voted to the temp: Cause and to the bu-
siness of the Estate — afternoon engaged
at the Cg. Hse making a copy of my me-
teorological notes to send to Washington
— Came home at dark and found Mary
Earl and Mr Beane waiting to see me
on business — the latter relating to a tel-
escope for the Acady
3d day 6th At home in the morning occupied
except making a call on one or two persons
in reference to the temperance Cause fore-
noon partly devoted to the same subjects re-
mainder of the day given to my Cg. House and
other duties which confined me there till dark
Sem: of the wg. at home — Sister Sarah made
a call to day with reference to which the latter
part of the wg. was occupied —
4th day 7th — at the Store before breakfast
considerable part of the day spent in over-
seeing and directing my workmen about
the Wht, Scow &c Sem: at the Cg. Hse
& till dark — latter part of the wg at
home — various branches of the Morgan
family called —
5th day 8th Occupied at the Cg. House and
Wharf most of the day & till dark — went
to the Wht in the Mg — but not to interfere

with the usual devotional reading — wf. at home

6th day 9th. Took a walk to the Wlyt before breakfast — Spent the business hours of the day there and at the Cf. House where I returned at dusk and after supper joined Sister Annas Social Company in compliment to Rodman and Helen Rotch mostly consisted to our family circle & the Rotch family — which seemed to pass pleasantly without the accompaniments of music or Dancing — had a little conversation with my bro. Wm about the accident onboard the Ariad — the Capt. & 2 men having been killed by a whale — The great building of the Iron Works Cy. at Fall River was destroyed by fire last night making a great conflagration — the building was of wood & consisted principally of a roof with low sides but covering a great surface

1st day 10th Morning at home engaged in my usual physical and mental employments — The fire in the nursery [my wifes room for the invalids, for the better ventilation which a wood fire permits] has been omitted for a day or two little Sue have had her enlargement and sister P being considerably better — Spent part of the morning 2d afternoon spent with Frank at the Tailors &c and part of the after noon at home suspending anew the maps in the library. 3rd of the day at the Cf. House & wharf — compleated Clearing up the latter

and finished the road way in continuation of Water Street across my lot below the Store — nothing now remaining for the most ample fulfilment of my part of the Stipulation with George Howland as witnessed by the Overseers of the Mg. Mg. whereas his dock remains untouched all that he has done being the removal of his building eastward clear of the range of the Street and the laying the foundation of a wall in continuation of the line of the end of my South abutment preparatory to floating in the mud which he proposes to dig adjacent to his wharf below — whereas he agreed to fill his dock whenever and as soon as I should fill mine in the range of the Street — and he has signified to me and others that he does not now intend to do it till A.G. Snell who owns the lot north of me shall permit the Street to cross his premises without compensation which he declines to do — This proceeding is very much in accordance with the Selfish policy which he has heretofore manifested in relation to my using with his permission, as my right growing out of my efficient action in opening the Street to his Wh[f]. and at very trifling expense or inconvenience to him, S. Water Street for the ready communication & access to my Wh[f] from the lower part of the Town — in which former proceeding he professes to think and perhaps does think he has acted a very disinterested part, and has laid me

under obligation for his pecuniary contribution to an improvement which has very much increased the value of his property and his personal interest and convenience while he has prohibited me from all participation, as it regards my own wharf from its benefits. — In that case I am not able to prove a violation of the contract — but in this it is demonstration. returned from the Mg. House at dark and passed the eve.g at home — D.B. Rotch made a call on ma chere H. with reference to the subject connected with an incident noted on the 6th inst. — My nephews S.M. Rodman's children made a visit this afternoon to see Thos animal (the Mercanca) he- the are engaging little fellos —

1st day 11th Spent the day in the usual manner — attended Friends Meeting which was unusually small especially in the afternoon it being nearly Mg. week and the weather rainy in the afternoon — the remainder of the day and eve.g at home except- in a call at the Druggists and at Brigham's Office & lodgings to relieve by extraction or otherwise ma chere H from the pain in her teeth from which She has suffered much of late — He was not at home and She declined having the operation performed by another — My reading has principally been in the Life of D. Follen who was a most worthy talented and interesting man.

2. day 12th At home in the morning and the Day

and early part of this evg at the Cg House — latter part at home — William Reed took tea with the family — & Geo. A. Riddell was here in the evg — went to the R R Depot to see Mr Marshall from the 3d day 13th Morning at home. after breakfast called to see uncle Wm but finding that he had left Town for Phila yesterday I called to see my aunt Mary Rotch in relation to a deed which I was told a few days since by Mr Colby was prepared for the Signature of the Rotch Whf Cy — as she knew nothing about it — I had a conference with my bro: Wm who I found as the atty of [illegible] was also ignorant of the matter — I attended the funeral Solemnities consequent on the death of Anthony Richmonds wife who died suddenly on 1st day evg and devoted the rem portion of the day to Cg Hse avocations — took tea with the family and spent the evg at home — called at Mothers on my way to the Cg Hse in the Mg —

4th day 14th At home as usual in the Mg. Day principally devoted to Cg House duties viz a new arrangement of the files of papers — called at the Cg House in the afternoon. and found the object of his remarks the other day relative to the fountain of the R. Whf. Cy. — it appearing that in the deeds of the lots sold last year on Cheapside some 9 inches of land belonging to the Cy. as the S. end narrowing as it extends northerly — there was a Rem-

case before the Court — on which the evidence was satisfactory — both Juries were engaged with Cases relating to the same defendent — the first Jury having been too long out to indicate an entire lack of sympathy on the part of some of them with those engaged in the pernicious traffic — At home after dark — S. Rodman & Morgan and with the latter part of the evg

5th day 15th Morng at home business hours at the Cg. House except a short visit at the dentists and the Mg. hour of our Mtg. Soc'y — evg. at home — our nephew Wm L. Rodman dined with us and Mabel Morgan was with us at tea.

6th day 16th Morning at home, business hours spent in Cg. House duties to which detained late till dark — rem'd of the evg at home

7th day 17th Went to the Post Office and Cg. House before breakfast — and devoted the day to Cg. House business, called at mothers to take leave and see if I could be useful in completing her arrangements for setting off to spend a couple of weeks at Fall River with all of her family — Benj.a and my son Thomas go as their escort to return tomorrow — made some preparation for our proposed jaunt to Boston on 2d day with little Jane and perhaps, if Dr Warren should advise travelling, to extend our journey to Schenectady and Niagara with Mary & Edmund. The latter went yesterday afternoon to

Boston with his Cousin Rodman Morgan to be present at the Bunker Hill Celebration this day — Where he may remain till we go there on 3d. day next if our present expectation should be carried into effect — Our Town seems comparatively deserted to day — many hundreds having gone to the Celebration of the Completion of the Bunker Hill Monument

1st day 18th Attended Meetings as usual forenoon and afternoon at Friends place of Worship — and in the ev.g I went with Ma Chen H. and some of the Children to the ev.g service at the Episcopal Church, Sister Sarah called to see us towards ev.g — Ch! Coffin a Minister from Maine preached with simplicity and considerable unction and at much length in the forenoon and afternoon at Spring Street House. He is the first of the returning friends from the Yearly Meeting at Newport that has visited us —

2d. day 19th My time has been assiduously devoted to my business preparatory to leaving home — at the Cg. House to early and late

3d. day 20th Contin.d my preparations for leaving home — but our departure this afternoon was postponed to give Ma Chen H. more time for comfortable preparation — it suited me very well as it enabled me to give some necessary attention to my share of the Ins.e Oil — which was important as Jn.o Bryant the Superintendant of the Oil works is absent from

Town — I did not complete the preliminary measures to be executed tomorrow till the U.S. was for Spent — and it was about 10 P.M. Clk. before I got home from the Cg. House — Stopped a moment at the Anti Slavery Mg. at the Town Hall which had not then Concluded the Session. Remond was speaking — with diverse demonstrations of feeling on the part of the hearers.

4th Day 21st Rose early and completed our last preparations for setting off in the Mg. train for Boston — which we accomplished and arrived after the usual incidents at the U. S. Hotel about 10¼ A.M. — did not meet Edm. at the Depot as we expected — he being late in getting there — found him at the Marlborough Hotel — pretty well but with a cold — attended to my business & made a call F.A. Wells — after dinner went with a letter to the R.R. Depot to send a Message home by Mr. Hatch — but not being sufficiently early apprised of the occasion I was just too late — The Pres. went On in the 4 P.M. Train — his plan of extending his visits to Norwich and returning by the Western Route being abandoned in consequence of the sudden death of the Sec. of State (Ad. interim) while here on the occasion of the late celebration — his interment took place at 11 O Clk. Services at Trinity Church Sun. St. — after tea took a ride to see a little of Boston and Stopped at F.A. Wells for half an hour —

5th Day 22 Feeling myself a little in-

disposed by my exposure to the sun and hot atmosphere yesterday I remained pretty quiet through the forenoon — had a Carriage to show the Children a little of the City — Edmunds with his mother & sister Sue rode round Cops Hill by Faneuil Hall & Quincy Market & the New Exchange — the former being fortunately open we had a fine view of the celebrated Hall with all the decorations for the recent dinner in compliment to the President of the U. S which was given on his late visit with his Cabinet. we stopped also at the Exchange and except Mrs Chase H. who remained in the Carriage we examined the principal Hall with its splendid imitation Marble Columns supporting the dome and the beautiful painted Glass Light in the Centre of the latter — glances at the Banks & other Offices on either side of the hall of entrance — looked into some of the rooms of the Hotel establishment on the basement floor and left it as taking from the Children a draught of Soda Water from the temperance fountain there — I was sorry to see that a fountain of different description was also there as an appendage to the Hotel — thence we stopped again at the "Marlborough" and found our daughter Mary, to whom Edm. resigned his seat and we continued our ride round the Common & returned to our lodgings — having made preparation for leaving for Springfield in the afternoon train we took our seats soon after dinner and proceeded through Worcester to Springfield where we arrived about 8½ of the Clock — I set off my

on foot for Mr Harriman's leaving Edm.d to follow with his mother &c in a carriage to secure lodgings there if possible — I was preceded in getting there only by one carriage who engaged the only two (Single) Rooms not engaged before the arr.l of the Train — They were able however to give us two rooms in an adjacent build.g which would answer for our necessities — retired soon after Supper with the prospect of a comfortable night and in the expectation of contin.g our journey in the morn.g to Albany — Many Carriages with passengers arrived at Warr.s after me, and had to leave to seek lodgings elsewhere

6th Day 23 — In the night little Sue was much disturbed with pain &c in the region of the abdomen — her mother called me about 3 Oclk, and rose and went for a Physician — Dr. Flint a man of extensive practice and high reputation in this place (Springfield) and vicinity was soon in attendance, he prescribed as we think very judiciously — I went to the R.R. Depot and after much delay — and going a second time, after the morning trains had both started I obtained my baggage and took it to the rooms which we occupied — The delay arose from an error in ticketting one of the articles, the numbers of which did not correspond — Dr. Flint called twice in the course of the forenoon, and his prescriptions having had the expected effect, he thought that we might go on in the afternoon cars — we therefore made all necessary preparations and dined but deferred our final decision — I had great doubts

of the propriety of going so soon and we finally concluded to stop till morning — It was well that we did so for aside from the heat of the weather and the inconvenience of having the sun in our faces, by which we should lose much of the interesting Scenery — it was afterwards quite evident that Susan was not sufficiently restored to go on — I improved part of the afternoon in having one of our trunk locks repaired — and replacing a broken padlock — I also took a walk through the north part of Chestnut Street — towards evening when the heat had abated we ordered a carriage and took a ride some distance down the river and returned by a new road (apparently) through woods, passing some of the work Shops on Mill River where the rough work of the U. S. Armory is done — and riding round the Square on the elevated plane east of the town where the arsenal, finishing Shops, Officers houses and artizans families are situated returned through Chestnut Street &c to our lodgings — Dr. Flint made us another friendly call in the eve. I having informed him in the afternoon as we accidentally met of our remaining Town — he conversed on the importance of attention to diet for Lucy's infirm physical habit as indicated by the complaint at the junction of the clavicle & Sternum — On my allusion to Grahams doctrines he entered into a philippic against these and their author as a man the most perverse that I ever heard from any of his numerous opponents — making him to be unworthy of the least consideration respect or

even Courtesy — and that he had very little, or none at all, awarded to him by his fellow Citizens of Northampton — That he had lived Several years in the Same place and had never bestowed on him the courtesy of a recognition — The old Dr. has evidently a strong dislike to the man, arising in part from a recent encounter with him in relation to a patient who had almost been killed by his preposterous System, But there must be great demerit of Some kind to have forfeited, as the Dr. said he had, all regard from his fellow townsmen.

4th day 24th Albany — Congress Hall by Mr. Landon We left Springfield at 6 O'Clk. and had a very pleasant ride to this place. the weather was cool and delightfully clear so that beating a little mist in the morning which lingered on the mountain sides while clear below & above we had a fine view of the Scenery as we scaled the declivities over the intervening Mountainous region — we stopped at the National Temp.ce House from seeing a puff of its pretensions in the Car — but the examination not confirming the justness of the description we drove to and are extremely well accommodated at this place. after the heat of the day had considerably declined a carriage was about to be ordered to ride round the town, a high wind raising clouds of dust was succeeded by a copious Shower attended with some thunder which prevented our then accomplishing our wishes — but at the conclusion of our tea repast 6 ½ O'Clk. the Shower being over the

carriage was brot. up and we had a very satisfactory view of the City — the Patroon's late residence now occupied by his eldest Son of the dec. Stephen, who by Courtesy inherits the or succeeds to the title of Patroon but with only his numerical proportion of his fathers princely estates — his bro.r Wm has erected a Palace of a house on the east side of the River which is but very indistinctly discovered merely the Spacious Roof above the trees from the Western side. My wife in her early Childhood passed some days with her parents in this place, then of comparatively small extent and population and visited at her fathers friend Rook who was then agt. of the Patroon and occupied a house contiguous to the territorial mansion. the Scite of which and the adjacent localities She still remembers and recognizes in their present improved condition — recalling some of the sweetest pleasures of her infantile days — in connection with the daughter of her fathers friend — The City is quite extensive and populous. the State buildings & some of an educational Character quite magnificent — The private dwellings indicate wealth and taste, approximating to those of the larger cities N. York & Phil.a — principally resembling those of the latter City; to the habits of business &c prevalent in this, those of Albany bear a close resemblance to the Carnal observers, making of Course allowance for the different localities. The one being Chiefly confined to the limmered inland trade of the Regions which Com.te with the Atlantic ports by the Canal the Hudson & the Western Rail

while to the two first of these in the case of the City of New York is superadded the foreign commerce of the Chief emporium of the American Continent. The present population as about

This House is situated on the high land by the Statehouse and the windows of our rooms on the 3d floor give a fine air and pleasant prospect of the Country in a N.E. direction on the other side of the Hudson

1st day 25th. Finding myself somewhat indisposed in the night, we thought it most prudent for us to remain at this place (Albany) through the day and not carry out our plan of going on to Utica and there attend the afternoon Service, or to Troy and attend the three part of the day. I therefore remained at our lodgings with little Sue through the day. Mrs. Chere H. & the two elder Children were at the Episcopal Church forenoon and Eve. The weather has continued very fine and in our airy situation not uncomfortable from the heat.

2. day 26th. Contrary to my expectation from very slight indisposition of yesterday, I found myself very unwell this morning, have been twice disturbed by an affection of the bowels in the night so that I had strong doubts of the propriety of our going on, and therefore, sent very early for Dr. Wing a Physician of the first reputation in the City who lived next door, he was not well enough to come out before 7 Oclk. A.M. but would see me at his own house at any hour. Accordingly I dressed and called upon him. He

heard the description of my case and was of opinion that I might safely proceed, as the slight agitation of the R.R. cars would be likely to allay the troublesome irritation with the aid of a few small cal.s of opium pills so that I might get without much inconvenience to Skeneatles this way — According to this advice we concluded to go on, and the necessary arrangements were made — I attempted to take a little breakfast and succeeded in swallowing a weak cup of Coffee but not without a degree of nausea which momentarily threatened to compel me to leave the table — I was barely able from excessive debility to settle my acc.t at the House Office leaving to Edw.d & the others all the care of the baggage — we rode to the R.R. Depot nearly a mile and there I was only able to take our tickets and attend to myself — We our seats in the Cars which are short and divided into three Compartments each, we were in one with W.m & Mr.s Bradbury of Augusta Maine — I felt very sick all the way to Schenectady, so much so that I found it absolutely impossible to go on with either comfort & safety — I therefore left the Cars on their arrival at that place — and made my way to the nearest accommodations which proved also to be the best in the place the Temperance House kept by Mr. Whiteside, here I obtained some relief and threw myself into an easy rocking Chair in a state of great exhaustion as a prelude to taking to my bed

probably for some days — the rest of the party some time after followed having lost the knowledge of my more prompt movements — I had taken one of Dr. Wings Pills in the Car. and probably retained it though I threw up my Coffee soon after the Cars started — two gentlemen and a lady from Rochester soon followed me into my retreat in the Public Sitting Room — and while I was enjoying the repose of suspended muscular action of all kinds — without other desire our party collected round me — The Gentlemen Mr. Brewster & Mr. Sherman very intelligent and well informed men as soon as they understood my case kindly volunteered their prescriptions the first recommended as having stood the test of Experience with almost invariable Success viz Port wine & loaf Sugar — the latter recommended as having been effectual in his own case when the other had failed. Vinegar Saturated with Salt. — The first struck the fancy of Mrs Chase H. & Edm. was despatched contrary to my wishes for the wine — and the mixture was made. but as it interfered literally with my Washingtonian pledge I withstood the solicitations of all around me to partake of it — and I was soon glad that I had done so for I soon began to feel much better — and we had a great deal of pleasant conversation on several subjects not omitting Phrenology, with which Mr. S was considerably acquainted and a somewhat

Zealous believer in it — He examined all of our heads and gave our characteristics with a very considerable approximation to the truth — I became still better. So that we had quite an animated & pleasant time — They were going on in the afternoon 2d. Class Cars, called the emigrant Cars, for seats in which but about 1/3 of the price of seats in the 1st. Class Cars is charged — supposing that no other seats could be obtained in the 2 O'Clk train, as I found myself well enough to proceed — We concluded to go on with them if I could get my tickets changed so as to admit of it — After the company had dined (who were numerous enough to fill a long table) and I had taken a little rice and a cup of tea — I went to the ticket Office with Mr. Brewster to ascertain whether I could effect the change of tickets — there I found that there would be first Class Cars in the train of which I might avail under my own tickets — This was very agreeable information and we took leave of our temporary quarters with a satisfaction heightened by contrast with the gloomy forebodings with which sought its Shelter & Repose. We glided rapidly up the beautiful valley of the Mohawk stopping at several pleasant and flourishing villages to set down and take up passengers, to supply the locomotive Engine with Wood & Water and refresh the passengers & we reached Utica about 8 O'Clk and found very Comfortable lodgings at Churchill & Curtis (formerly Baggs) hotel the

arrangements of which are on a very commodious scale and the various appointments with the exception of the Bar are of the most agreeable Character

3. day 27th. After a pretty good night we were very agreeably surprised to see our friend Thomas A. Greene enter the Office of the Hotel - On greeting him I found that he had just arrived with his wife in a Packet Boat from Syracuse in company with James Martin, two of his daughters Mary & Elizabeth his niece Lydia Ann and a friend of theirs Anna Brisbane, a Son of the late Dr. Parish (Edward) of Philadelphia and the meeting was very pleasant to us - and as they had projected a visit to "Trenton Falls" about 14 miles distant for which the weather promised to be very favorable - We altered our plan of going in the Cars this afternoon to Our first distination Skeneateles to visit our brother Jr. Barrow's family and decided to join their party. A four horse Coach and a Barouche were soon at our Service and Sue & myself took Seats with Jr. Martin's Party & T. A. Greene and Lydia Greene took a Seat with Ma Cher H & Edm & Mary - The ride to the Falls occupied about 3 hours, the road being considerably ascending and the weather warm - The Country through which we passed is generally fertile and abounds with beautiful views near and remote. Soon after reaching the house formerly kept as a Place of entertainment for visitors, but now closed because no one is willing to give the high rent (about 500 or 600 dollars) we had however the use of the rooms for our company while

making our arrangements for the pedestrian excursion and for making our repast from the baskets which we took with us filled with Sandwiches Pies &c from the Hotel — we walked about 10 to 15 rods to the Banks of the West Canada Creek which here runs, between very high banks or walls of Secondary Limestone, through a channel which the Water has worn in combination with the disintegrating action of frost in the lapse of countless ages for itself, over Sundry barriers of the Same rock broken and worn into fissures, with picturesque & romantic beauty or grand Sublimity through the Space of probably a mile which is usually explored by Visitors — we descended to the water at the foot of the Falls by Sundry flights of rotten and broken plank Steps which are Scarcely Warrantable with much Care on the part of the visitor for the Service — and thence proceeded upward on the Margin of the flood over foot-paths of natural formation or very narrow ledges, hewn by artificial construction in several places close to the perpendicular Wall which rises about 100 ft. with overhanging Summits and to near the dashing and impetuous Waters that chafe attached to the Wall of rock and extended from bolt to bolt to be grasped by the hand in passing the most dangerous points are quite essential for Safety — as has been proved by Several Sad accidents, three lives having been lost among those who have visited these Falls — one of our party pursued our way up the

stopping occasionally to rest and to enjoy the scenes which were in succession opening upon us — sometimes enveloped in mist & frequently walking in the water which lodged in the little pools in the horizontal tablets and stepping cautiously over the wet inclining surfaces of the ledges — after passing the two principal falls of 40 or 50 ft elevation we ascended to little lodge on the bank over the upper fall and were refreshed, or those who inclined or dared to do so, with lemonade — after resting sufficiently and leaving the names of the party recorded in the book kept there for that purpose we continued our walk or clambering as the different scites required till we reached the point generally explored by visitors — one of the young men of the party Thomas Cavender of Phila who had stopped one stage behind his companions & followed them in a separate conveyance from Utica which he reached soon after our departure and rejoined them at the Falls — went beyond the sight of us and rounded a point which the guide said he never before seen passed — he narrowly escaped a wetting at least for his daring — after sitting as long as was agreeable to rest and enjoy the scene — the Falls, the perpendicular and towering walls of limestone disposed in thin horizontal strata and crowned with forest trees, the clear blue sky seen through the longitudinal Vista and the bright snowy clouds floating like genial Spirits

of the air beneath the azure Vault — we wound our way through the woods which Covered the hills back to the house whence we Started — all delighted with what we had seen and rejoicing that all had escaped its perils — Wet Feet and drabbled Clothes and some Sense of fatigue on the part of the Ladies from the unusual Muscular Exertion being the only Slight inconvenience attending the excursion which was soon removed by the requisite change of habiliments — and by the usual repast which had been provided and for which the employment of the last few hours had so well prepared the Party — If there was any exception to the general pleasure, that exception was our Son Edmund whose health ever Since we met him in Boston has been feeble from the effects of the influenza which he Contracted there, and which seems to have been made worse by the incidental exposure of travelling. He, though very desirous as was Mary to improve the opportunity so favorable for seeing these Celebrated Falls, found that it involved too heavy a tax on his Strength — and some faintness followed by head ache which disqualified him for enjoying the part which he had to act on the returning ride with the young Folks — Jas. Martin & Myself took seats in the Barouche that Ed. M. might ride

in the other Carriage) — The ride home was very pleasant, the weather continuing very fine, excepting that the false like Carriage of our intractable Coachmen in descending from the long hill top occasioned some well founded alarm to some of the party for the safety of the individuals — the State of the Roads sometimes badly rutted and with deep holes, involving by the great momentum a Stress occasionally on the Carriage, which it was justly feared might exceed the re-acting power of the Materials of which they were constructed and cause them to be dashed to pieces to the imminent peril of the riders we however all reached home without other injury than an unconscionable jolting which in the case of Edmund was not merely temporary — It occurred to me very forcibly during our excursion on margin of the falls that in addition to a guide to lead the way, a Sturdy man with a Strong flexible rope, with a few pieces of Cork to make it float on the Stream should follow as Guardian in the rear of each party of visitors, that in case any one should by a misstep or the failure of his foot hold fall into the rushing tide, by seizing the rope, promptly and judiciously thrown, he might by the strength of the man and others of the party be drawn out and saved from destruction. This precaution on the occurrence in my own

case of an occasion like this, I should be very particular not to omit it if I had the means of making the arrangement — after tea I sent the wo. in writing up my expense account — and preparing a letter to go via Barrow & Brion and the Boston mail Steam Ship on the 1st prox. for London — Edm. retired early with a bad head ache.

4th day 28th After breakfast Mary & myself joined the Priv. Party in a Short Visit to the New State assylum for the Insane it is a noble building with front and wings extending perhaps 400 feet — It is yet in its infancy and the plan adopted for the building but very partially accomplished it is about 5 months since they began to receive patients and they now have 130 — the foundation of two buildings is to extend at the extremities of the front in the rear though detached from it — further buildings are contemplated to the extent necessary to accommodate 1000 patients. — we were too early in our visit — but by the politeness of one of the gentlemen superintendants, we were shown through one of the wards and saw some of the patients who had much the same comfortable appearance as those at the Worcester Hospital — The same mild system to the exclusion of Straight Jackets bars, chains or violence of any kind prevails here as in the latter institution. On return

ing to the Hotel, the Phil.a party made preparation for leaving in the Eastern train at 10 O'Clock — T. A. Greene & wife remaining till the 2 O'Clk train — in the same direction to stop and spend the night in the region of the Little Falls in order to have an opportunity to examine that interesting Geological locality. At 2½ O'Clk we took our departure for Syracuse & Skaneateles — Gliding rapidly through the margin of the Valley by the side of deep ravines and steep declivities passing by Rome and some minor Villages and through a long tract of heavily timbered Swamp — we arrived at Syracuse about 6½ or 7 O'Clk., and in about half of an hour proceeded forward in the Auburn Cars for the Junction whence a branch rail road diverges to the South terminating at Skaneateles Village at the outlet of the Lake of that name — On arriving at S. branch Rail Road we took seats in the Car, ourselves the only passengers for a considerable portion of the way — On reaching the Village — we met bro. John who had just returned from an excursion of several days purchasing wood — here we took a carriage & were soon at his house and had a kind welcome from my wife, sister and family consisting of 2 daughters & 3 Sons — one but 22 months old The road from Syracuse runs through a more broken region than any which we had passed after leaving Utica, — the Valley being skirted more closely by high hills intersected by deep ravines which occasioned alternating high embankments

and deep Cuttings — which give some sense of danger by the accident of running from the track, or the obstruction of the latter by sliding masses from the close bordering declivities.

5th day 29th — Remained at home through the day, the weather being quite warm and from recent indisposition feelin little inclination for Muscular action, except that I took a short walk with mr Chas H. after breakfast and a considerably longer one before Dinner with little Sue — in the afternoon Valentine Willets his wife and three daughters called on us — and invited us to visit them at their farm on the West side of the Island — they were formerly resident of Long Island and acquaintances of my wife's family — V. is a thriving farmer

6th day 30th — At home through the day except a short walk — Edmund complained very much last night so that it was necessary to quiet it by anodyne — and it was thot advisable to have the advice of a Physician — Dr Porter of the Village was therefore called and he thought it best to bleed him which he did accordingly — & prescribed pills &c — He thought is distressing that he may require more careful nursing and treatment generally than Lambertonwood elsewhere than at home — Dr P. however speaks encour-

arginly of the Case

7th Day 7 Mo 1 — Remained at home this
the day with the exception of a pleas-
ant ride in the afternoon to return the
Call of V. H. & to enjoy the beautiful
Scenery bordering the Lake on both Sides
the weather was very warm through the day
Mercury about 90 — but after leaving V. H's
with the Barouch top down the Ride was
very pleasant

1st Day 2d The warmth of the weather and
and the distance from the houses of Worship
prevented any of the family attending Mtg
except Bro. John & myself — we set off for
one of the two "Friends" Mtg which are very
sparcely maintained in this vicinity from
1/2 to 2 miles distant — Bro. Jno usually at-
tends with his wife the Mtg. Styled the Ortho-
dox — though he is a member of the other
division of the Soc'y — from his representation
of the preacher at this Mtg. Adin Coxy who
was a Soldier in the late war, a man with
very few advantages of Education but of an
original & bold cast of mind — I felt a curi-
osity which induced us to go to that Mtg it
being also the larger of the two — We had
some conversation with A.C. with whom
Jno had been long acquainted in the Army be-
fore Mtg — which revealed some opinions & views
as well as vigor of thought — And at the
latter Part of the Mtg he spoke at considerable
length in an argumentative Style, but as

I thought without evincing much knowledge or cogency of reasoning but with a striking defect of humility and charity — On the whole I was by no means prepossessed either in his favor or in favor of the views of those who could tolerate & much less of those who could approve such [illegible] as a Gospel ministry — A change in the weather took place accompanied by a violent wind during the night followed by a very pleasant reduction of temperature — Stopped on our return at the Village to endeavor to get a lemon to acidulate Edmunds drinks but not succeeding procured some Citric acid at the Village Druggists — — remainder of the day at home — Dr. Porter made Ed another visit and reported favorably of the Case — though we cannot avoid feeling considerable anxiety at his being so far from home under such circumstances — took a long walk after tea with Ina Chester — the atmosphere having become so cool that a thick Shall and buttoned coat was not incompatible with comfort when in vigorous exercise. —

2. day 3 — A fire all this day was necessary to comfort in the parlour — the temperature being below 50 at Sunrise — about 40 degrees lower than the day before yesterday — Spent the day mostly at home reading Dr. Follens Sermons. in which I

have been much interested — having never read any, I think, that I could so fully approve. his fine talents and large acquaintance with philosophy and literature combined with his transparent simplicity of character and undeviating devotion to the truth and an unfailing Charity towards others who give evidence of honesty of purpose in meritorious lives however differently may be their views on points of theology from his own entitle him to the utmost confidence & respect — bro. John left this morning for Scipio on an agency for the purchase of wool which has engaged much of his time riding in the Country to make contracts or deciding the delivery of the numerous small lots of the article which he had purchased — in the latter duty I have in his absence occasionally volunteered my services.

3. day 4th The time which we had allotted to ourselves at this place having been already exceeded in consequence of Edmunds ill health and he now being so much better that we we think we may cautiously proceed — Our arrangements were made with a view of proceeding to Auburn this afternoon — there was however some uncertainty of our being able to effect our object till the arrival of the stage from the eastward. as the Vehicles belonging to the livery Stables of the Village were all engaged in

the holiday scenes of this National anniversary — as the public conveyance alluded to (is) one of small compass, if there should be passengers arriving, or more than one who would claim the priority of right — our party must take the conveyance — to guard therefore against this so far as was practicable I stationed myself at the village to meet the driver at the Post Office & get the chance of proceeding if possible — as the Stage arr.d without any passengers I succeeded in my wishes — and we took our seats at bro.r John's about 5 Oclk. bidding an aff.te adieu to Victoria R. and the family of lovely children & being at home & the oldest in England with his wealthy relations there — our party filled the carriage Sue having a seat on my knee — we had a pleasant ride and reached Auburn about 6 Oclk — having had a little sprinkling of rain on the way — after tea I took a pretty long walk through the town with the girls — and at dark we all repaired to the cupola of the Hotel (the American) and had a very good view of the fire works which were displayed from an adjacent garden and in the Streets.

4th Day 5th We were somewhat disappointed on waking this m.g to find the rain continued. it thwarted our plan of looking through the Auburn State prison — for which our time was

quite sufficient for a rapid glance before the starting of the Cars — We were also much in doubt as to the propriety of proceeding in the Rain on account of Edmunds State of health — We however concluded to go on as the Cars are a secure protection from rain and the exposure to it would be quite trifling in getting to the depot — With this decision we were well satisfied, as the rain soon ceased and we had fine clear weather for most of the ride to Rochester — We could only have an imperfect view of Geneva & Canandaigua as the train stopped but a few minutes at each place — Geneva has the most interest from it situation on the Seneca Lake and its College County buildings and fine private dwellings — We reached the depot at Rochester about 2 OClk. but from the delay incidental to getting ourselves & baggage conveyed to the U.S. hotel at the Western part of the Town made it near 3 before we were seated in our apartments for the same, which we could spare for rest to the rivalds & to see the City & environs — After dining we took a ride to the new Cemetary called Mount Hope — it is a pretty extensive piece of ground with great variety of surface the highest point being high enough to overlook the City with many deep ravines and some very singular depressions — The Scite has been said by some to be superior to that of Mt. Auburn — but it did not to us impress as A [illegible] has broken surface seeming more

in accordance with the state of feeling induced by the contemplation of the resting place of the dead. The monuments marking the places where interments have been made are like those common in burying grounds — and are therefore in very inferior taste to those seen at the Boston Cemetary. — On our return we visited the Falls of the Genesee which were quite striking. the perpendicular descent being 90 feet — It was here that the famous Sam Patch made his final leap — from a scaffold erected 30 feet above the summit of the fall — his death is attributed to the relaxation of his muscles consequent on a state of intoxication which prevented his descent in a perpendicular position as heretofore. He struck the water horizontally making a loud report — and was probably instantly killed by the concussion — after tea we walked to some Shops and I with Mary & Sue extended our walk to the eastern limits of the City or those on the right bank of the River. We are comfortably lodged at Parkers Temp.ce House called the U. S. Hotel.

Buffalo 5th. day 6th. We were very desirous to make the experiment of Canal travelling from Rochester to Lockport, but as there was no day line of boats on this route we were induced to take the Rail Road through Batavia and Attica — by which we arrived in this City about 2 O'Clk and took lodgings for the convenience of the location at the U. S. Hotel — We having heard a favorable report of the house from the friends

whom we met at Utica. — It is convenient-
ly situated for business men but not a de-
sirable place for ladies — after dining
I called at Ch. Howland's Store in relation
to my business — and then bought a Car-
riage and rode through the Town and to
Black Rock. Stopping a few minutes at the
Barracks where there is a body of the U. S. troops
— This was new and of course interesting to most
of the Party — The wall built in the River
by the State of N York extending miles is
a work of much importance. It forms the har-
bor of Black Rock, supplies the Canal for
a long distance, and creates a vast Water Power
applicable to mill machinery a part of which
is improved in that way — the level of the lake
being maintained within the walls, while the
fall of the rapids without in the whole length
of the embankment is probably 12 feet — There
is also either projected or finished a large lock at the
lower end for passing through any vessels which
in running for Buffalo in Storms might not be
able to gain the harbor but be compelled to run
to the Anchorage in the Niagara below. After-
ward I took a walk with Mr. H. through a
considerable part of the Main Street passing ma-
ny brilliant looking Shops giving an idea of
extensive business and wealth.

6th day 7th The weather being Rainy and my bu-
siness detaining me in the City of Buffalo we
there H & the Children relinquished their inten-
tion of coming to this place, Niagara Falls

at Buffalo I learned by the papers of the disastrous Conflagration at Pittsburgh
by the forenoon train — and we all left together in
the train at 5 O'clk P.M. The Clouds having
dispersed we had a very pleasant ride — We
found an interruption in the Rail Road by the
destruction of the bridge over the Tonawanda
Creek — which subjected us to the necessity
of walking to other Cars beyond the breach
and waiting till the luggage could be removed
We arrived about ½ 8 Oclk and took lodgings
at the Cataract House kept by Mr. Whitney and kept by
himself & Sons — The Company was small for
the extensive accommodations and we were well
suited with 3 contiguous rooms on the 3d floor From
the Parlor & many of the Rooms a good view of the
rapids are had — and ma chere Hd the Chil-
dren were much struck with their wild gran-
deur — After tea when the others had retired for
the night, Ma chere H & I self walked to the bridge
crossing to Bath Island, to see by the bright moon light
the fearful torrent — But it had so alarming
an impetuosity to my wifes unpractised eye that
she preferred returning from its hither division
to wait till the pale Splendor of Day should
admit of more distinctness of vision.
7th Day 8th I took a plunge in the Bath House
supplied by the Niagara from Bath Island
before breakfast — after breakfast we took
a Stroll to see the Falls following Gris
book — commencing at the Point near the
ferry Stairs. thence along the Bank to the bridge
to the Islands — to the northern border of them
and then the circuit of Iris Island. Stopping

and entering as many points and ascending the Tower near the Canada Falls — We thus spent the time till near the dinner hour — about 4 O'Clk we set off in a carriage to the Whirlpool about 3 miles distant — On reaching the entrance to the grounds about ¼ of a mile from the Bank of the River we stopped entered our names in the register kept of persons who have visited the spot and paid the sum which is taxed by the Owner of the Soil for the privilege of the 1st visit and of all future visits during the life of each individual — drove to the Simmons house and alighted viewed the Falls from the adjacent points and descended the steps leading to the Shore — This was a somewhat laborious operation and very oppressive from the heat — The Shore was very rugged from the masses of Rock which had been detached and fallen from the Cliffs which towered above — The water was several feet higher than when I was there in 3rd mo. 1874 — to be accounted for by the late prevailing S.W. winds on Lake Erie which has made an accumulation of waters at the commencement of the Niagara River — the bank or cliff at this point we were informed by Smith was 300 ft. above the water and the effort of ascending was too much for the pleasure as judged of by the females and I very much regretted considering the unfavorable position of the Sun at this warm season in the afternoon that I had encouraged the descent — The inconvenience was only temporary as felt

by Mary & Sue but their mother was more permanently incommoded — On gaining the bank we loitered at Several Points and were informed by Smith who resided at the toll gate that we should have explored the up river shore on reaching the foot of the Stairs to the Manitou Rock, about which he has written an agreeable legend founded on a tradition of the Indians — We collected some Shells from the Summit of the Bank in good preservation which we were told were Similar to those which are now found with the living fish in the waters below. indicating that these elevated heights have been at some period Submerged or that the land has been upheaved from its original level — Mr. S. conversed very intelligently and was very attentive to us giving each of us some curiosity as a memento of our visit — The reason of his particular devotion to us I suppose was that he was a native of Bristol R.I. which is but about 25 miles from N. Bedford — We completed our jaunt very agreeably and reached home about 8 O'Cl. when we were greeted by Our esteemed Cousin by her first marriage Mrs. Dr. Rhea Barton formerly the wife of my Cousin Theo. Rotch — She is in feeble health having but partially recovered from a severe illness which caused the postponement of her marriage which took place but a few weeks ago — She is one of the most agreeable and desirable of American Women conciliating the regard of all

to whom she is known by the kindness as well as affability of her manners. It was a highly satisfactory meeting both to her and Mrs Chas H. who have been friends from early ~~childhood~~ youth — We introduced us to her husband who is one of the most eminent Physicians of Philadelphia. We passed a very pleasant day together — 1st day 9th I took a plunge this Mg. in Waters of the Niagara at the Bath house on Bath Island — I remained in the house most of the forenoon with Dr while the others of the Party were abroad seeing the wonders of this unrivalled locality — At 11 O'Clk I went to Presbyterian meeting and heard a rather interesting Sermon from Mr Elliot of Youngstown. — About 4 O'Clk in the afternoon by previous agreement our Party with D. Barton wife & Sister took a trip across the ferry to see the Falls from the British side — from Table Rock we had a view which greatly exceeded in Grandeur any which we had formerly seen — The sense of disappointment which has been often felt at the first view of the Falls from the Am. Shore I must here give place I think to that of exageration from the previous imaginings of those who had formed the highest anticipations of its unequaled Sublimity. — As I had not before been on the British side I felt the full reaction which I have supposed as common under similar circumstances to all visitors. After ad-

viewing the beautiful Rainbow which was vividly portrayed in nearly a full Semi Circle on the cloud of Mist which was thrown up from the Chasm below, looking over the edge of Table rock to see the excavation which is formed below its vertical Surface and which in its progress seems likely to leave a mass unsupported, save by the cohesion of the rock itself which this is inadequate to sustain, when it must drop from its present elevation to the base of the Falls — while on the rock & the banks adjacent we were enveloped with a Shower of Vapor which made umbrellas quite desirable and there we but imperfectly protect one from this cloud of Vapor a small portion of which was wafted upon the margin of the Bank — none of us having any desire to descend ourselves by descending the Stair Case — much less by passing under the Sheet of the falling torrent. Thence we proceed in the Carriages which took us from the Shore to the burning Spring, Chippewa and Lundys lane and again reached the ferry via Drummondville — we crossed and after a laborious ascent of the Steps on the Am. Side which was rather too much for the Strength of Cousin Susan and quite enough to say the least for me then I & we organized our lodgings to a late tea — I made the requisite arrangements for pursuing our plan of return, to some extent by the way of Canada, & Lay in the morning to Lewistown.

2d day 10th — We left the Falls about 6 O'Clk in the Stage for Lewistown and had an interesting ride to that place where we went onboard the Steam Boat Queen Victoria Capt Richardson for Toronto touching at the British Town of Niagara near the termination of the River in the Lake Ontario — thence we Steamed across to the City of Toronto formerly Little York and arrived there but a little before 12 Oclk the time stated for the departure of the mail B.t by which we were to proceed to Kingston — We were therefore quite disappointed of the two hours which was promised in the Handbills given us by the Ag.t of the line Mr. Dyke at the Falls — From Toronto we proceeded in the Steam Boat Sovereign Capt. Elgusby for Kingston and ar.d there on 3d day the 11th about 5 Oclk in the Morn.g — We left the Boat for Daly's Hotel. took a light repast in anticipation of the Breakfast hour and then rode to the Mineral Spring and through the Town to gain a general idea of its Style and appearance — There are not many imposing buildings. the New City Hall and Market now in progress will be I think the finest Public building in the place, i have a note of it. after breakfasting at Daly's we went onboard the "Henry Gildersleve" Steamboat Capt Bowens for the passage down the River. The weather contin. fine and we had a very pleasant and interesting Sail down the lake which soon converges so as to form the River St. Lawrence on whose majestic waters we were borne rapidly along through the ever changing and highly picturesque Scenery which ~~Stanley~~ Smiles on

its bosom in the Thousand Islands, and adorn its Shores — the river always magnificent now gliding tranquilly — with its broad Surface smooth as a Mirror and now whirling in eddies as it passes over its deep & rocky Channel, and again rushing with the impetuosity of a torrent down the Rapids, through all of which we passed down to and including the 'Long Sault,' those below being attended with some risk were avoided viz the Cedars & La Chine having taken Stage at Coteau du Lac to Cascades 16 miles thence to Lachine by Steamboat 24 m. and from Lachine to Montreal 9 miles by Stage when we arrived about 7 O'Clock on the morn. of 4th day the 11th Left the Stage at Rasco's Hotel, after breakfast, we walked out to see the town made some small purchases, and visited the Roman Catholic Cathedral, which is the largest in N. America — while we were there many persons came in knelt before the images and said their prayers in Silence, crossed themselves with the consecrated water and retired bending the knee to each image as they passed, with some the ceremony was soon over while others continued kneeling, with the appearance of great devotional abstraction for a long periods — large fractions of an hour. —

After leaving the Cathedral we proceeded through other Streets homeward — when near the Hotel ma Chere H, complained of being unwell so that we proceeded in advance of the Children who wished to make some purchases of Indian manufactures — She retired to her Chamber to repair by repose the wasted energies of her system consequent on the fatigue and exposure of the latter part of her journey from Kingston — intimation no apprehension of a serious in-

& disposition — and implying no feeling of disagreement in regard to pursuing our journey by the Steamboat to night for Quebec. being somewhat deficient of time for a ride round the mountain near the City, we concluded to postpone this pleasure till our return from Q. and ma chere H. remained in her room while to gratify the Children I went with them to the Soldiers Barracks and were shown some of the rooms of the Soldiers — afterwards saw some of the troops including the portion of the Highland Regiment, go through part of their drill Exercises in the Champ de Mars. — Thence we went to the Hotel found ma chere H. ready to go onboard the Steamboat — and we all left a little before Six to take our passage at that hour in the fine new Steamboat Montreal. — Soon after the appointed time we were in motion at a rapid rate down the river, ma chere H. remained below or rather in the Ladies Cabin, and she was not with us at tea, but this did not excite uneasiness as she could be supplied with what she desired by the Chambermaid and a good night rest was supposed to be all that was necessary to fit her to enjoy the novelties of Quebec. On the morrow — I remained on deck enjoying the Scene, onboard the boat and the Scenery ~~which~~ margining this magnificent which we were gliding swiftly by, till the ~~Scenery~~ Sun had spread abroad its dusky Mantle — I then fell into conversation with a young lawyer whose intelligence and affability detained me on deck much beyond my proposed hour of retiring — when I took leave of him regretting that we should not see each other at Quebec in the morning. as I had learned that he resided at Three Rivers about mid-

way between Montreal & Quebec where he would leave the Boat — I then retired to the Cabin and was about taking to my berth when the Chamber Maid apprised me that Mrs Chese H. wished to see me. — I followed her to the Gentlemen's after Cabin which was unoccupied save by her to which She had repaired for the purpose of having me with her — To my great Grief I found her very ill and much alarmed at her Symptoms which seemed to require immediate Medical advice — I took immediate means to ascertain whether there was any Doctor of Medicine onboard and found that there was none — Then I enquired at what place the necessary accommodations and good Medical advice could be had. and learned from Capt. Armstrong that "Three Rivers" to which we were drawing near was the only place where these facilities could be had before our arrival at Quebec — I then enquired for Mr Hart the Gentleman with whom I had conversed so much in the cars — whose more intimate knowledge of the place as a resident would entitle his information to my confidence — he fully sustained the opinion of Capt. Armstrong and the requisite measures were therefore taken with great kindness and sympathy on the part of the Capt. and two of his men with my assistance took Mrs Chese H in a Chair in a very languid State from faintness or Shock and to Mr Ostrom's House quite near, where we were received very kindly through the introduction of Mr Hart — and by his prompt agency Dr Gilmore was soon conducted to us by our Son Edmund who prescribed as he thought the Case required — and She with the others of us passed a pretty comfortable night

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5th day 12th 7mo 1843 Three Rivers, Canada East — Instead of Quebec we find ourselves this morning at this place the oldest of the French Settlements in this Country. its appearance is in unison with its history consisting generally of Small old looking houses Stretching for the Space of a mile or more along the N. W. Bank of the River on Several tier of Streets and Some at right angles in the most compact part of the Town — The inhabitants are principally of French extraction and the French language is principally Spoken, and a large proportion of the labouring classes I believe can Speak no other — so that I have been obliged to have recourse to my almost forgotten acquaintance with that language, to obtain answers on Several occasions to my interrogatories — We find ourselves also in very comfortable apartments and in the kindest of families, who have both the ability and the disposition to supply in a very Satisfactory Manner all of our wants. — We have great reason to be thankful for Such unexpected comforts at this exigency — Dr Gilmore Seems very judicious and kind & attentive. with ~~an habit~~ a native politeness and prompt & Sprightly manner which make his visits very acceptable and Cheering to this patient — who Seems better & hopes to be able to go on Shortly towards home though She will not be able to proceed for a day or two. Wm Hart and ~~J~~ his Sisters called in the afternoon Wm H. having been to See us in the morng. and taken Ed. to walk and to call at his fathers House. I walked a little about the Town in the forenoon, and again with Sue —

6th day I have been most of the day in the house Mr. A Hart took Mary & Sue with one of his Sisters to ride yesterday, and to day he took Edmund & myself and gave us a view of the environs - Calling at the Indian Encampment about a ½ miles on the St. Maurice or Black River - There are three temporary huts which are an apology for Shelter from the weather - where as many forlorn looking families are temporarily in great apparent discomfort - making bark baskets &c One of them had a Bark Canoe just finished which they were anxious to sell demanding at first $7 - but falling to $6 - They also had a young Moose Deer for which they asked $26 - There was one white woman there who had married an Indian and seemed identified with them in tastes & habits - which seems a phenomenon of infatuation - These people are represented as low in morals, as it respects intemperance, and a very poor Specimen of Indian Life. - Ma chere H. seems so much better that she expects to be able to proceed to Montreal to morrow night - and she has rather encouraged my going with the two elder children to Quebec to night - But neither Mary or myself were inclined to leave her - and it was finally concluded that Edmund should go alone - On the arrival of the "Montreal" by which vessel we expect our trunks which were left at Rasco's. Called at Mr. H's and Mr. Aaron went with us to show us the Court House & Jail which are very respectable buildings for the latter very well arranged - In the afternoon of the day 15 - Ma chere H. continues to amend so that she thought it would be prudent to leave this night - but as the time drew near she did not feel so well and by the advice of Dr. Gilmore the plan was abandoned - We had calls from some of Mr. H arts family the illness of their father has prevented their being more with us as they observed, by way of apology - for which there was no occasion as their kindness and attention has

84 been much greater than we had any claim to & such as I fear would not have been accorded to strangers similarly circumstanced in our own part of the Country — I met Ed. on the upward passage of the Montreal and apprised him of the postponement of our departure — Of course he landed here, having had a pleasant trip through the kindness of Mr. Craig Hart to whom he had a letter of introduction and who returned with him, on acct. of his father's illness

1st day 16th Ma chere H. had a very uncomfortable night and is more unwell to day so that the Dr. prescribed a new course of Medicine — He made several calls during the day in his usual kind and cheering manner — This unfavorable turn has a depressing effect on my & Spirits though there seems in the Dr. opinion no cause for anxiety — Aaron Hart called and spent the latter part of the afternoon & 1/2 of the ev.g with the children — I confined myself mostly to my & room —

2. day 17 Ma chere H. passed a comfortable night and has been better to day — I wrote a letter to day to apprise our friends of the detention which we had met with and that our return would be somewhat longer postponed

3 Day 18th A raft of Oak timber from the river above the Rapids was stopped by head wind at the Shore near our lodgings in the night — it consists of large Squared & straight pieces very firmly withed to transverse Saplings. tre nailed to Sticks of pine on the Outside of the raft. The timber is so heavy that had the raft been broken a large part wd. probably have sunk to the bottom. —

— Ad. M. Hart called in the ev.g. he leaves for Quebec to attend the Courts to-night, and should we get away the latter part of the week we shall not see him on his re

4th Day 19th Ma chere H. continues to improve — I had a call this forenoon from the Rev S.S. Wood — and, after dinner Sue & myself took a Calash for a ride to the Forges about 7 miles distant under the guidance of our fellow boarder Mr Mypan of the Register's Office who politely invited Edmund to take a ride thither — The road is nearly N.W. at right angles with the river — through an elevated tongue of Sandy land unfit for tillage, and left to be overgrown with several Species of the Pines, viz. the Larch and the Fir — many of which are very beautiful — and form an interesting Skirting to the uninhabited road — The works consist of a large Smelting furnace where the Ore is reduced to Casting Metal: fr Stoves &c on a large Scale — and two forges where the Scraps &c are made into bar Iron — The village is occupied by the Canadian Workmen, consisting perhaps of 50 Small old looking Houses, but neatly whitewashed — which seemed well tenanted especially in the Class of Children — here these industrious and Contented people pass through life in its various Stages and leave their places to be filled in the several departments by their descendants — It is a Govement establishment on the bank of the St. Maurice and now under lease to a Mr Bell — to whom I was introduced as well as to his clerk a Mr Macauley — the lease was for 50 years and is nearly out — and the business being at present bad Mr B. does not wish to renew the lease and a Gentleman of Montreal has contracted for the next term. The rental is a small income probably not 2% on the Cost of the works to say nothing of the 30 leagues Square or 30 Square leagues of land together with the water power which constitute

8th appendages to the Establishment — in which extensive territory are embraced at about 20 miles up the River from its mouth the Falls of the S. Maurice [Shawinagan], said to be of great grandeur and interest — approaching in some degree to the Falls of the Niagara — The policy of thus keeping from private enterprise and improvement is of very doubtful wisdom — We saw there two eagles and a moose Deer. We set out on our return about 6½ Oclk. and reached our Quarters about 7¾ — all pleased with our excursion — In the ev. I went with Edm? to make a call on our kind friends the Harts — The old gentleman is much unwell as is supposed with Water in the Chest. I saw J. C. H. who came from Quebec with Edmund. He seems to be of the same intelligent and gentlemanly stamp as his brothers Adolphus & Aaron 5th. Day 20th. Walked some distance before breakfast in the direction of the Nunnery — and in the opposite direction afterwards — The weather being Showery and Cold — Ma chere H. being so well as to leave her bed — we found a little fire necessary for her comfort as well as that of the others of the party — She remained up nearly all of the day, reclining occasionally on the Sofa — She felt very weak and but little appetite — but I hope that She may have more now that the disease is so far removed — the Misses Hart sent some Flowers and Mr. H. Hart called in the afternoon and Spent an hour or two — Edm. went in the afternoon with Mr. Myran to his Saw mills about 9 miles on the other side of the St. Ma

vice — We escaped any Serious rolling though
Some hard Showers occurred in their absence — D.
Gilmore made Several Cheering visits to ma Chere
A. as usual — and he conducted me in the afternoon
to the Rev. S.S. Woods where he had to make a profes-
sional Call — His residence is curious it being
one of the oldest buildings in the Town formerly in
the possession and occupancy of the Jesuits — the
Episcopal Church which is appended to it was
originally the Chapel of the monks — The whole ar-
chitecture of the dwelling is of a very Solid and
massive antique character, it would be very in-
teresting to go through the different compartments
— We Saw only the Hall of Entrance and the passage
to the Parlor by the old Stair Case, the Steps of which
were of Solid timber — the Parlor is furnished in
modern Style with Centre tables Sofas &c with few or
no Chairs — walls embellished with Cameos &c — In
passing out he took us through the room which
I suppose to be his Study which has a door which
opens into the Church — this has a plain neat interior
not large, but sufficiently So for the Congregation
— which however formerly required but half the Space
the other portion being appropriated for a Court House
— They have no Organ Or Gallery only for the Choir —
Taking leave of Mr Woods, D. G. conducted me to
the Catholic Church where were about a dozen
individuals at their devotions, and one woman
making her Confession to the Priest who was in
the little box appropriated to this Ceremony while the
individual whispered through a Lattice the sins which
burthened her conscience, and for which she desired
to be absolved according to the Faith of this Communion
Ed. went with Mr Hyde down to his Saw Mills about ½ M. below this

6th. day 21st — I took a walk this forenoon along the Black or St. Maurice River nearly as far as the Indian encampment and returned partly by a foot path over the high terrace and Table land in the rear of the Town — descended to the land on the lower level which intervenes between the River and the terrace which I think formed the boundary at some period, of the St. Lawrence, and followed the Street or road leading into Town — This embankment is skirted with very poor houses of the cheapest construction and some too much dilapidated for occupancy — the Chimneys appear to have been constructed by raising 4 poles to mark the angles and the walls raised by blocks of wood or Stone & plastered over with mud or clay — Small improvements are done at all about the buildings — Mrs Chevalier seems quite comfortable to day — Mr. Wagoner an Englishman and uncle to the late Potteress Mrs. Hemans called this afternoon with Dr. Gilmore to see us — He is a bachelor of probably 65 or 70 yrs. of age — has seen much of the world and was formerly in extensive business but now in reduced circumstances as would seem from his manner of living, quite by himself in a small house on the Street to Black River. — At my wife's suggestion Mary and myself have it in contemplation to go — I believe in one of the Boats which will pass down to night — We had quite given up the idea of seeing that City on this excursion — but as circumstances seem to favor the intention as there

revived — we shall probably realize our original expectation on reaching Niagara Falles & seeing that Celebrated City.

7th Day 22 — About 12 Oclk. last night Mr Ivy & myself went onboard the "Canada" Steam boat for Quebec — and landed there about 4 Oclk. this M.g — went to Paine's Hotel in the upper Town — after breakfast which was delayed by the arrival of the passengers by the Canada near the usual breakfast hour which required some extension of their table, we proceeded in a Calash towards the Falls of Montmorency abt. 9 miles down the St. Laurence crossing the bridge over the St. Charles and thence following the Turnpike a good Macadamized road to "Beauport" &c — leaving a considerable Village "Charlebeau" on the left. We got out on the Bank very near & considerably above the Falls whence we descended a little but there being no safe pathway to the point, & still above the pitch, from which some Visitors were then taking a bird's eye view — we followed the plain path way over Stiles round the Gentleman Owner Mr Harrisons residence by a gradual Slope towards the Shore of the St. Laurence near which the Falls — but on approaching the margin the descent is so rapid that a Zig Zag road is necessary to make the ascent practicable for Vehicles to the dock where are extensive Sawmills supplied by an excessively rapid race way of plank leading from River above the falls making a descent of perhaps 200 or 250 ft.

to the head or height from which the requisite Power is derived — As seen from below the Falls present a frothy Sheet of Snowy Whiteness of a width about 1/3 of the perpendicular height — another Small Ribbon of White foam descends from the elevated barrier a little to the left — the Fall originally at the Margin of the River St. L. must have receded about 1/8 of a mile to its present position — These Falls are interesting but possess nothing of the imposing grandeur of Niagara which we have so recently Seen. — On the road side near Beauport is erected a monumental Column to the Temperance Reform which is blessing this Province as well as the States. This Monument was raised by the influence of a French Roman Catholic Bishop "De Nancy" who travelled through these Provinces a year or two since and was very Zealous in advocating the good Cause — at the foot of the mon.t was a small tin box for receiving the contributions of the passers by. — After returning to our Stopping place we took a luncheon and then went in the Calash to visit the Plains of Abraham, the Scite of the decisive battle between the French & English armies under Gen.ls Wolfe & Montcalm both of whom fell on that memorable occasion — The Scite of Wolfe's death is marked by a truncated Stone Column about 7 ft. high on a Square plinth — with these words on the Shaft "Here Wolfe died victorious" — The Stones of the foundation as well

as the monument have suffered by the hands of visitants their passion for relics getting the better of their sense of propriety and good taste — In the upper city has been erected within a few years a handsome Obelisk to the joint memory of Wolfe & Montcalm — kindred & noble Spirits unhappily misled by the martial character of the Christianity of Nations — An anomalous Christianity but very slightly tinctured with the genuine peaceful sanctifying principles of its divine Author. Having visited the Citadel and walked round this Strong hold, accompanied by a Soldier appointed by the Sargent to this duty, and taken a down river view from this Commanding eminence crowned with frowning Cannon which effectually Command the harbor and the Channel of the River below — but not being permitted to ascend to the Ramparts which overlook the river above, We withdrew from this Strong hold. which if it Serve no other purpose may ~~serve to show~~ Stand as a durable monument to illustrate to future Generations the National Christianity of the 19th Century —

— After walking a little round this walled city and to some extent in the Streets of the lower Town we returned to Paine's Hotel and made Preparation for leaving to go aboard the Steamboat — designing to make Some enquiry after leaving Mary & the luggage there, for Dr. Gilmore's brother Robert — to whom the former gave me a letter of introduction, but whom I had not been able before to find — The delay of

20 minutes in the arrival of the Calash deprived me of the time for this Second Seard and on getting to the "Queen" I remained there about a quarter of an hour, when at 5 O'Clock we started on our return up the River — We had a pleasant Sail, with a view of the banks of the noble river for about 3 hours by day light and afterwards in the dusky outline of night — the fine weather with which we were greeted on rising this morning having continued through the whole passage and indeed as to remain on deck most of the time till about 1 O'Clk, when we landed, and found all about as at our departure —

1st Day 23. — After a late breakfast Consequent on a broken night, Edmund Mary & Sue went to the Episcopal Church to hear Mr Woods, He having called on us again yesterday and held an agreeable Conversation with ma Chere H. — I spent the forenoon at home or with my wife — who continues better but not without some depressing feelings — Edmund went with Mr Mynard to the Bath or Roman Church — Mr Adol. Hart Called and Spent a large part of the afternoon with us — After tea I went to the second Service at the Epis. Ch. and heard a good Sermon from Mr Woods, though it contained nothing very Striking. The responses by the Clerk were in a peculiarly discordant tone, arising from defective organs of Articulation — an infirmity common also in some degree to the Pastor, though very different in kind — The Singing was by the

Congregation without any Special Choir and there was no instrumental aid — The Congregation was very small — indicative probably of two facts that this Class of Christians are a small Minority in the Place, the Mass of the people being Roman Catholics, and that the Zeal of that Minority is at rather a low ebb — Dr. Gilmour had would made my wife four or five long visits, he being very Serviceable in raising the drooping Spirits of his Patient by his agreeable Conversation as well as in his Professional Prescriptions —

2d day 24th Circumstances appearing such as to warrant our setting off for home by the fine Steamboat "Montreal" on her touching at this place on her trips from Quebec this night — Our occupations had reference considerably to this purpose — I spent some time in writing up my Journal — and in the afternoon I went to take leave with Mary & Sue of our kind friends the "Harts" for whose attentions particularly the brothers Adolphus and Aaron we are so largely indebted, and of Miss Ogden who called twice upon me chez Mr Dampier, and kindly offered us the use of her Pew, of which offer we did not omit to avail ourselves — She about the age of my Aunt Mary, and very affable — — I was prevented fulfilling my intention of returning the visit of Mr Wagner. A.M. Hart — the Dr. Mr Hyam and Mr Astrom and niece made their visits of leave in the Evg. and all things being in preparation when the Montreal came to the Wharf about 11 O'Clk we took leave of our kind friends and host, and went onboard — and retired hoping to find ourselves pros-

and Mr. Aygrand made a jaunt to Nicolet to day previously on our homeward way in the morning. Ed. 3. day 25th At about 6 Oclk in the Mg. Our fine Boat was at Montreal — and I had the pleasure to learn that ma chere H. had passed a comfortable night — To avoid exposure to my wife we remained onboard the Mont.l to Breakfast by the favor of our good Captain Armstrong — and before the hour of Starting for La Prairie we walked to the Steamboat lying at the same or the contiguous wharf — At 9 she left the whf. with a good complement of passengers &c for her destination 9 miles distant, crossing the river obliquely up Stream — The boat being only for trips of an hour has not a very comfortably furnished Cabin for the Ladies. but as the fine weather induced most of the females to remain on Deck I was able by the aid of Shawls and Sentants to furnish out a Substitute for a Sofa on which ma chere H. comfortably reclined during most of the trip to our landing place — Shortly before reaching La Prairy I had a view through a Spyglass of the formidable Rapids near Montreal called the "Cascades" and a Steamboat passing through them — The Character of the Rapids seemed well indicated by the name — and to the passengers in the descending Boat it must have been a very exciting and Grand Scene. Soon after reaching the wharf — the Cars were run down for Saint Johns, and we took our Seats for 15 miles by Rail Road. over the extended Plain to the Sorelle, or Richlieu River where we arrived about 11½ Oclk. This Town has a a garrison of our Regiment who were going through daily exercises. at a distance from the road with

great precision, making quite an imposing spectacle which Ed. took the chance of being enabled of his dinner to witness. — Dined at Scott's Hotel, a good house — and at 1 Oclk. Started in the fine Steamboat "Whitehall" Capt. Lion for Whitehall — We had hoped to be able to pass down the Lake in the "Burlington" with Capt. Sherman of which & of whom we had heard the highest commendation. But on getting aboard and seeing the elegant and comfortable arrangements of the fine boat and her gentlemanly Commander we felt that we need not desire anything better — The Sail up the Sorelle River to the Lake was not very interesting from the marshy character of its Shores, which will make any very striking improvement of the land scarcely possible for a long period — On passing the mutilated U. S. fortification at Rouses Point and entering the Lake the banks became more bold and the lofty mountains in the back ground on either side gave great dignity and beauty to the outline — Touching at several intermediate points we reached Burlington about 7 Oclk. and improved a leisure half hour in walking into the Town and through the principal Streets — The Burlington" came up from Whitehall before our departure", the appearance of which justified the description which we had heard. — Mrs Chase H. has thus far passed a more comfortable night and day than any since her illness — and her appetite though though poor better than before. so that we are cheered by the hope of soon seeing our own home & those we left behind us when we set off on our travels — May we have the blessing of a joyous meeting unalloyed by any untoward and afflicting event of Providence

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4th day 26th After a comfortable night during several hours of which our fine Boat was at anchor. I rose about 4½ Oclk and enjoyed the approach to Whitehall, the head of the lake — its width in this part is narrowed to that of a moderate sized river with rugged banks of Rock in some places perpendicular crowned with mountain ranges on either side — In one place near Whitehall the lake is so narrow and the Crooks so short as to approximate to two right angles with but little more than length of the boat between them that it is necessary to stop the way of the Boat entirely by means of a hawser stretched to the Shore, first on the right side and then on the left — We landed about 6½ Oclk and partook of a good breakfast at at the Clinton House — and immediately went onboard the Packet Boat Troy Capt. Gaudel (of the name of the Capt I am not certain) and soon were movg briskly by the power of 3 horses on a trot — the boat was filled with passengers the change was quite agreeable in the forenoon but in the afternoon the heat was very uncomfortable — The boat hands are a rough uncouth set know little of good manners, and care less to practice what they know — The frequent passing under bridges some of which are so low that the passengers on deck have to stoop very low renders it quite dangerous, unless due notice is given by the helmsman in which they are very remiss

and if spoken to they will retort upon you with abuse — We ar. at Mechanisville about 13 Miles from Troy about 9 Oclk when to avoid detention by the numerous locks on this part of the route we took seats in the horse Cars on the Rail Road and ar. there a little after 7 Oclk, when it was proposed to remain there through the night, but my wifes anxiety to get the letters which we expect to find there induced us to go on to Albany where we took lodgings at the Delavan House kept by Mr. Hill about 9 Oclk and are satisfactorily accommodated.

5th day 27th Our late arrival last ev'g made it necessary or expedient in the actual condition of the Party to forego our intention of taking the Morning train of Cars for Boston, we therefore postponed our departure till 2½ Oclk P.M. having spent the M.g. at our lodgings and in making some Calls at Shops & walking a little in the Street on which our Hotel is situated — I called at the Store of Elihu Russell & Son — and walked up State Street calling at One of the Banks — we found letters here this morning which informed us of the welfare of our friends up to the 17th Inst — After dining we started for the Ferry to join the train of Cars at Green bush — and were on our way for Springfield about 3 Oclk — where we ar. after a pleasant ride through the intervening mountainous

district about 8 Oclk — By using all convt. despatch we were at Warriners in time for securing lodgings there — Several parties who were there later being disappointed in this respect — We noticed George Tichnor & some of his family at the supper table which had its usual attractions for the eye and allurements for the palate.

6t. Day 28th — Rose early and after an excellent breakfast left our lodgings for the R.R. Depot and at 6 Oclk were again on our way homeward — We arrived after the usual incidents and some inconvenience, as yesterday, from the heat and dust — The drought having been almost continuous since we left home in this State, materially curtailing it is presumed the agricultural Products, — about 12 Oclk in Boston and Stopped at the U. S. Hotel — We took a Carriage to take me there &c. to a few Shops and Sue to Dr. Warren's Office — D.W. repeated his former instructions — to promote moderate exercise in the Open air and strict attention to her general health, the Shower bath with Salt-Water and restricted Study or sedentary occupations, and small doses of a tincture of Iron — A slight Sprinkling of Rain occured while we were out — which it is hoped may be a prelude to more copious Showers — after dinner we set off for the N. Bedford & Prov.ce R.R. Depot — and were soon on our way home, meeting on bro.r C.W. Morgan in the Cars who could report from our family & friends as

late as this hour — We were at the Southern Depot about 6 o'clk. and there found our Son Frank, who had been daily in attend.ce for the past week — and taking one of Samp. Sons' Carriages we were soon at our welcome home with the satisfaction of finding all well. Thanks to a kind Providence for this added mercy — Remained at home through the day —

7th. day 29th Called at C.M. Morgan & A. Robeson's — saw none of the family at the latter place, Sister Anna though quite lame from a Sprain of the Ankle having gone to dine at T.R. Robeson's with Nephew Thos. Lee, his wife — Child and those Sisters Eliz.a Sally and Ann — Spent a few minutes at the Cy. House —

1st day 30th attended Meetings at Friends place of worship — after meet.g Called at Aunt Mary's & bro Will.m and after tea at C.M. Morgans. and saw my niece Sarah Wister who has been quite ill for a week, She was in bed, but better — Most of the day and ev.g at home — Most of the family at home to day there being no preaching (though a service) at the Episcopal Church and the weather somewhat rainy — Edi & Thos. were with me in the forenoon, and Frank at the Episcopal. Our friends Thos. & Lydia Green called to see us.

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2. day 31st Spent the day in attention to my various Concerns. Called to Thos. Lee, his wife & sisters. at N. Robertsons saw not himself he being at Fall River. I was detained late at the Cg. House

3. day 8mo. 1 Spent the day, in attention to my home & Cg. Hse duties — the latter of which were continued till an advanced Stage of the evg. Ma chen H. not well to day somewhat similarly affected as when on our recent journey —

4th day 2. Went to Fall River to day to attend the adj. M.g. of the Pocasset M.g. Compy — took little Ellen with me in the Buggy and dined with most of the other representatives at M. H. Ruggles — where mother & sister Elvira still were but their visit was about ended and they returned in Compy with myself and the others of the Fam. in the afternoon, reaching home about 8 Oclk — found S. Hammond at our house. who was called for by mothers Carriage after she was set down at C. U. Morgans. Fall River presents a disasterous appearance about 200 building burnt — including the Bridge Mill of the Pocasset Coy and many houses and other buildings belonging to this Corporation — value about $1000000 — or between 1/8 & 1/10 of the whole am.t destroyed — Many buildings are now in process of erection

and many of a temporary kind of wood already occupied — so that the blackened waste of 20 acres with the tottering walls and crumbled foundations divested of all combustible materials, as left by the fire just one month to day, is already much changed by erections in progress — or finished, many of which from the nature of their materials may hereafter be the food of another conflagration. Large expenditures are made necessary by the Locarret Co. to repair the devastation, part of which are already ordered and the whole embracing some ultimate improvements in prospect as now agreed upon at periods more or less remote. Called at Uncle Wm. Wilkes 5th day 3 — Attended the Friends' Mid week Mg — — the Bank Directors' Mg — and to some concerns abroad — latter part of the afternoon & till dark at the Cg. Here when I went to the Town Temp.ce Mg — Ma chose to Considerably more unwell to day so that Dr Read was called in. Mary also has been unwell since our return so as to confine her at home but she is now better — Called at Cousin J. Arnold's after Mg — The oldest of S. Wister's Children (William) with his little bro.r John called here with Robert and, they having arrived here this morng from Philadelphia to spend a few days & return with their mother. Rachel Howland spoke in M.g to day

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6th day 4th Spent most of the forenoon about home partly in consequence of the funl. Services at our neighbors T. D. Elliots consequent on the death of his youngest child (Margaret) about 16 mos. with dysentery — The time not being given out we did not get the information seasonably to fulfil our desire of giving our attendance as a testimony of our Sympathy for their bereavement — Our neighbor Alexr. Gebbs has also lost a child, his little Son of old, he died at Middlebor. where his parents took him in the hope of benefit from change of air. he was buried from his fathers house on the 3rd. before our arrival — I was at the Cg. House the most of the day & till dark, excepting the time of giving little Ellen a Swimming lesson at the Shore of Popes Island, which Thos. & Sue accomp. us in our little boat — ma Chere H is rather better to day but must keep it in bed.

1st day 5th Engaged at the Cg. House & the latter part of the day — went to the Rail Road depot after dinner and to Popes Island with Walter & Thos and Ellen to give the latter a swimming lesson while the others took an excursion with the boat up the River — Eve. after I Called at bro. Williams's where was a Small Party for the Dais Frances Russell her daughter & two nieces — I was necessarily detained till late at the Cg. House but found myself in good season.

Edm.d & Tho.s were with me — The females of the fam.y detained at home, Mrs Chace & Contin.g unwell. Bought Some nic.s for Mr Hart of the Rio
4.th Day 6.th Called at Aunt Mary's after breakfast to enquire after M. Gifford who is sick. found her no better but not very ill — My Aunt having no nurse, which in the feable health of the latter I thought quite essential I got her consent to go and see if Phebe Mendell could render her Servic.s — found that her health & other circumstances would render this ineligible but her sister Lydia who was then at liberty agreed to go to my Aunt this afternoon — I attended friends Mg.s as usual — in the ev.g called to see Tho.s H. Greene who has been confined to the house for Several days —
2.d day 7.th At the Bank Directors Mg.s — and the Cg. House, Wm & John Whitall & R. Morgan were with us at dinner and tea &c — I, engaged late in gain.g. infor-mation and writing to C. C. Stewart, Capt. Dorkham having arrived yesterday via Rio Janeiro & Baltimore from the Sandwich Islands, leaves tomorrow for St. John to report to his owner the extraordinary proceedings which have divested him of the Command of the Jas Stewart and placed it on the ignorant and high tempered Portuguese mate.
3.d day 8.th Engaged at home regulating some do-mestic accounts &c — Afternoon at the Cg. House

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Eve'g. at home — partly engaged on the Accounts of the estate of the Rotch Wharf Co. — Sue & Frank at their Uncle Williams to tea — Anna Arnold spent the latter part of the ev'g with ma chere H.E. sister this mg. on a pedestrian excursion to Newport &c.

4th day 9th. At the Co. House &c., Called to see mother relative to an application for the North tenement in her house. I called in the ev'g. at our neighbor's T. D. Elliot's to make them a visit of Condolence on acc't. of their late bereavement. — The parents & aunt of little Margaret seemed calm & resigned under their affliction — Miss Osgood spent the ev'g. with us, to whom I apologized on the score of pressing engagements incident to my late absence from home, for omitting to attend the Academical examination which has been going on this week end'g. with the Quarter to day — I regret that most of the other trustees were also absent to the disappointment of the teachers and scholars — So great was the apparent lack of interest in the Parents & others as well as in the Trustees that the anticipated advantage to the School of such Examinations will be but very Partially if at all realized.

5th. day 10th. At home as usual except a visit to the Market before breakfast — Mem: of the day principally Spent at the Co. House where I was detained from the Meeting by a person from the Country on business? Called to see mother Mrs. Alden & Mrs. Mendell in relation

to tenements &c — Thos. Pope of Michigan called on business connected with the division of the property left by his mother, for wch I was one of the appraisers. detained late dark at the Cg. House, but found our eveg Meal not over, it being delayed by a call from our friend Chs. Smith of Phila who arrived here yesterday morng — The rainy weather during these two days is unfavorable for the young pedestrians.

6th day 11th Engaged at the Cg. House through the day. in the evg went to Mr. Beans & his Scholars pic nic which in consequence of the unfavorable weather for the last two days for holding it in the open air was held in the Academy Building — The desks being removed from the rooms below and the whole of the lower floor open for the visitors which were so numerous as to fill them well — The S. room was much crowded at my first entrance Eff. Many were with me — Sister Phebe having made an excursion to Providence to day with Mr. Lambert to be present at the Consecration of the Bishop of Rhode Island Mr. Chapman tho she was too much fatigued to go — & Mr. Chace H was not well enough — It was a pleasant time — From the variety of the Company embraced — The Supper tables were in the Phila Room and abundantly supplied — I made the acquaintance of

two of Tho.s Pope's daughters Mrs Richie & Mrs Charles — have a good deal of conversation with the latter who is very pleasing and intelligent — The Scholars include our Frank were quite important personages — they having contributed to the entertainment as well as the Chief instruments of its distribution among the crowd wch filled the room and the adjacent hall — This engagement interfered with the Party which Sister Anna gave this wg —

4th day 12th Engaged at the Cg. House throughout the day — took a row to Pope's Island for a Salt water bath in the wg. about dark

5th day 13th Attended meeting as usual, called at Aunt Mary's to enquire after M. Gifford, the Report of whom was favorable — called also to enquire after Tho.s H Greene found that he had gone to his little meeting — he with his wife returned while I was on the steps, with whom we went and made a Short Call he is of course much better — leaving them we called at my nephew S.M. Rodman's — saw Emma & little Willy — the little girl who has been so ill is still under the Dr's care — She and Ellen were with me at the C.H. —

In the m.g. Chs Smith of Phila called as did B. S. Rotch his nephew some time after — who staid till quite late in pleasant conversation.

2d day 14th Engaged most of the forenoon about Brothers House consulting her in relation to the erection of Lightning rods, tenants & some proposed alterations, and conferring with parties in these regards — Had a call at the C.H. House from Capt. D. S. Dockham late of the James Stewart who has just returned from St John where he came with Mrs Stewart who informed me will be with us this eve — as he was by the afternoon Cars — Sarah Austen sons Wm and John were with us at Dinner &c — she has been quite ill again for two days back to cause some anxiety on her account — at her request her husband was written for this day

3d day 15th Occupied most of the day with Mr Stewart — in conversing and conferring with C. M. Morgan relative to unfortunate proceedings onboard of and in relation to his Ship James Stewart — examining into the Case with reference to a Claim on the Underwriters &c — most of the day at my C.H. House on these subjects — m.g. at home

4th day 16th Morn.g. at Market &c &c Forenoon at home & Sundry other Places and the C.H. room with C. C. Stewart — had

Ch. Smith & B. S. Rotch & Mr. Lambert to dine with us — and a Mr. Montgomery a frd of Mr. L's at tea —

5th day 17th C.C. Stewart left us this m.g. for Boston &c — I went with the little girls to bathe which consumed the latter part of the forenoon and made us late at dinner afternoon at the Whf. Cg House &c. e.v.g. at a small party at Cousin James Arnolds with Sister P. & Thos — Edw.d & Mary have gone this afternoon to make a Short visit at at Sutton to their Cousin Eliz.th Angier —

6th day 18th Occupied in the morng. about business relating to my mothers House forenoon at home partly in fitting the Children new See Saw to guard them against accidents — afternoon at the Cg. House. Two young Visitors were here to tea — and then Father called in the e.v.g. having to day sent a letter — I was detained late at the Cg. House. Partly for a conveyance home having a small wound on the bottom of my right foot which it seemed prudent to favor —

7th day 19th Occupied at the Cg. House &c most of the day. Thos. had his friend Walter Mitchell to dine with us. he was also here in the e.v.g — me chere H. had a call from our frd Ch. Smith which which made the e.v.g. meal later than usual

1st day 20th rose later than usual having been unwell in the night — Called at W. J. Rotch's to accompany Ch. Smith to Friends Meeting. he retaining unimpaired the early

impressions of his Childhood favorable to the religious faith of his ancestors — after Mg. he called at our house, declining our invitation to stop and dine with us I went with him to make a call on Susan Smith of Burlington who is now on a visit at her son in Law's Matthew Haulands — they being at dinner we were not admitted.

2. day 21st — Engaged most of the forenoon at the Ch. H. The weather being rainy and I not well (as I was not yetterday from effects of an ill assorted dinner on 7th day viz a milk dessert after a Meal of boiled hotoque) I remained at home in the afternoon & eve. except that I walked to Mr. Morrison's House hoping to be able to see & consult him in regard to Tho.s going to Cambridge. M. Mitchell having called and informed us that he was in Town — his family having been some days at Woodville for a change of air in the hope that it will accelerate his wife's convalescence — I did not see him as he was at his friend Mr. Peabody's during his stay in Town — Thomas however went with Walter to see him at Mr. Peabody's — and returned with a letter from Mr. M. to President Quincy — and a recommendation to him to go down to Cambridge to morrow — which he inclined to follow

3. day 22 Rose very early to write a letter to Mr. Quincy introductory to Tho.s whom I took to the Depot at 7 Oclk he started in the cars for Boston. I was occupied most of

Forenoon attending to the lamps &c with reference to an evg. company which was then expected. A. Roberson's family with his niece Mrs Wistar and his sons &c — called at C. W. Morgan's to see my niece who expects to be able to leave for her home with her husband and Children, and at C. W. Morgan's to ask Dan'l. Jones who is their guest to visit us with the family — rem'd of the afternoon at the C. House, evg. at home — Tho'. returned as he expected to — with instructions to appear again on 6th day morg — Our friends were with us as we expected — Edmund & Mary did not return as we expected — probably remaining one day longer to be present at the Commencement exercises at Cambridge to-morrow, bro' Wm Wistar Elira W.r & Emily & B. Roth Th. & L. Greene — Jonathan Roberson who came a few days since to make a visit to his friends here was also with us —

4th day Spent the morng in examining into the causes of the partial failure of our argand lamps last evg — Causes not satisfactorily ascertained — as the oil & wicks were newly applied, and one branch of each pair failed to burn, no obstruction of the tube was discovered on turning out the oil. One of the [illegible] failed partly from the oil having been found twice in the lamp, and partly from an unthorough removal of the soapy matter formed by applying a solution of Potash some months ago to remove some obstruction of the tubes — The trimming process having been entrusted to one of the domestics on that occasion — rem'd of the day at the

Cg. House, ets. at home

5th Day 24th Busily occupied through the forenoon making preparation at the Cg. House to leave home this afternoon with Thomas for Cambridge — protracting the mg. till near the starting hour 3¼ Pm when I went home took a light meal and set off — arr.d in Boston about 6 Oclk — attended to a small com.n for C Wells self and spent an hour walking in the most prominent business part of the City and took our seats in the Omnibus for Cambridge about 7 and were there about 8 — many Stops being made on the way to let down and take up passengers. taking lodgings at the boarding House of Mrs Willard the proprietor of the Omnibus line

6th Day 25th after breakfast, at the appointed hour, called with Thos at the Office of the President, who gave him a note to Dr Beck of the Latin department where he with about 16 others were examined by talking them to render an English Paragraph into Latin for the Sophomore Class — after sitting a few hours while they were they were slowly getting on I walked out over the College grounds through the part of the Town adjacent to Charles River. Up the avenue leading by the Divinity School called at Prof. Farrar's, but he with my Cousin Rose riding — his health being very poor and his nervous system much affected, he finds present relief while riding — and therefore he takes long rides when the weather is favorable — Examined the Cower

room of University hall, which is hung with portraits of distinguished men mostly patrons in former days of the University — Here the Corporation have their anniversary dinner, the pictures for which were now in process of removal — Leav.g. this returned to building where Prof. was left undergoing his examination — met him coming out — he made out to some degree of satisfaction except in Greek, where he acknowledged his deficiency without the test — The tutor Mr. Sophocles being rather abrupt with him — The others gentlemanly — Dr. Beck very agreeable & kind in manner — After dining we called at the Presidents office again to learn the decision in his case — but found that the meet.g. of the professors would not take place this eve.g — and were requested to call in the morning tomorrow — To use the time to the best advantage, we procured a boy who is acquainted with the town, having previously made a list of the persons who advertised rooms to be let for Students, and made a pretty general examin.n of those unengaged, which are conveniently situated — and finally made choice of a Mr. Story room at 6 P. Tuckers in the College square and about as near to the Recitation Rooms as are the College buildings, and obtained the refusal till 8 Oclk tomorrow. — It is the house formerly occupied by some of the College professors. The room is

low studded and shabby though of good size with sufficient Conveniences — and Mrs Tucker appears like a very kind & pleasant woman — after tea — walked to and along the Eastern enclosure of Mt. Auburn — and finished the day by a call at Prof. Farrar's, he is quite unwell — so as not to converse much — Cousin Eliza very pleasant and sociable, as usual — saw a Mr Bond & a Mr Parker Graduates of the Un. & now going into the Law School they were kind in their offers to aid Thos. with their experience in making this arrangement &c.

7th. Day 9th. About 9 O.M. we repaired again to Mr Quincy's Office by previous appointment but not finding him there, we called again or rather Thos. did about ½ an hour later and learned that he could be admitted into the Sophomore Class, taking private lessons in Greek till he should be prepared for recitations in this branch also with the Class. having made the bond required for the payment of Dues we went again to the Presidents Office when Thos subscribed his name on the Catalogue and his age year of birth &c were added and a certificate of membership & Copy of the Laws were given him list of Studies prescribed & Voluntary and some Commendatory expressions for the good disposition and sound judgement which he evinced in aiming to acquire a thorough Education, with the hope that he would not be disappointed in the facilities which the Univer-

sity Street for that end, when we took leave — and proceeded to engage the room of which we had the refusal — and to seek a boarding place in the vicinity neighborhood in which we succeeded in the family of D. Plympton — we then proceeded to the city to get the necessary furniture & which occupied our time till near the starting hour of the Cars for New Bedford, having dined in the time at the Marlborough — Taking leave of Thos I proceeded in a Cab to Depot and reached home about 7 O'clk the train being half of an hour later than usual owing to the large nr of passengers — found Frank at the depot, and took the whf in the way home — where I was grieved to find both Edd & Mary sick and under the Dr's hands, they being not quite well when they returned from Milton — and now quite feverish Edd with Severe pain in the head and slight soreness of the lungs.

1st Day 27 — Attended Meetings as usual — Sidney & Ellen with me All at the close went with them to inquire after Mary Gifford at Aunt Mary's — learned that she had rode yesterday but from that or some other cause she had had a poor night and seemed less well to day — unfortunately the nurse had gone left them — but it may be only a slight check to her convalescence — Hannah & Martha Tucker called, as did after the second mg. Alfred Robeson, he having accompanied his Uncle Jon. to the Silent Assembly for Spiritual worship — In-

Thursday I called on an errand at A.G. Ryder's. and to let mother & inquire after cousin J. Arnold — he continues much unwell, with a slow fever with excitement. — he has not been confined wholly to his bed as yet

2. day 28th. Occupied at the C.J. House &c — Robt. Walker and his sons Robert and Thomas came by the Cars from Providence and dined with us leaving in the afternoon train for Boston — Frank returned about 10 o'clk from Fall River with Mary Law for whom he went yesterday afternoon remaining over night at his uncle Micah's — Edm.d & Mary continue much as yesterday except that the latter is better — I have the care of E. as usual

3. day 29 most of the day at the C.J. House &c — C.J. at home — Edmund much as for days past. Mary much better and below at dinner — Dr. Read in attendance twice daily — Ma chere H. troubled in the Domestic department of late from the sickly position of her cook, who left us to day as she could not be useful — and declined my wifes offer for her to remain a while without wages.

4th day 30. Edmund remains without much change his fever is light but his strength reducing from abstinence — My attention has been given to my business at the C.J. House &c

5th day 31st. At the C.J. House &c or at home Most of the day. Called at Mothers in the

w.g - and then made a call on the Town. Treas.r & Collector, as his house, his Office being closed just previous to my Calling there to pay my taxes and avail of the 3% discount for prompt pay.t - heavy Showers about Sunset & in the e.v.g. Some lightning & thunder. The day having been on the whole the warmest of the season I called to see S. Leonard, and Arnold Congdon, but did not find him - then rode to my North lots to examine the line as recent by them on the South by my Uncle William on the Sale of 36 rods on the N.E. Corner of his land to Joseph Estes - it gives to Estes the whole wall on the west end. Which though Crooked is very wide and I think encroaches on me. but it is perhaps not of sufficient importance to speak about to my Uncle, it would have been proper to give me notice before running the line. On measuring my line on Pine Swamp S.t (with a tape measure) I made it 23 rods and 3 links or $23\frac{3}{25}$ Rods - my deeds do not profess to give the measurement with any minuteness, referring to the lines of Wm Potter & Thos. Harard - calling the length in the aggregate 22½ viz 12½ the Barker lot & 12 the Price lot.

6th Day 9 m.o 1 - This day has been in Strong contrast with the last, wind easterly & Cool. with my engagements have been at home, the C.H. House &c, Called at Meeting - and again in the e.v.g to consult Aud.r & herself (his family being there to tea) about some

business pertaining to the Estate —
7th Day — 2d — Devoted the day principal-
ly to my wharf & Cg. House business —
Gave some time the Temp.ce Cause and
to business of the Estate — some time
after dusk at the Cg. House — remn. of the
w.g. at home. — Edmund still in bed.
but his fever is slight — he sat up a little
to day
1st Day 3d Attended meetings as usual
Susan & Ellen bearing me Company in the
morning — Jon.a & Jon.a And.w & Fred.k Robe-
son called also Wm. Codman at the Close
of the 1st meeting — and at the Close of
of the 2d I went with J. Roberson to make
a Call at Sally Russell's — Thos. & Lyd-
ia Greene called on us in the w.g.
2d day 4th Occupied at the Cg. House
throughout the Day — went to the R.R. Depot
to deliver letters to J. Roberson and to take
leave of himself & his nieces
3d day 5th Occupied at the Cg. House th-
roughout the day & part of the w.g. — Ed-
mund continues to improve & sits up daily
4th day 6th Attended to Cg. Hse duties
& read. the Papers, with which in my ab-
sence from home I have got considerably
in arrear In the w.g. called with Mad
Chace & at Matthew Howland's.
5th Day 7th Attended at the Bank Directors
Mg. and Gave the rest of the day to Cg. Hse du-
ties — Eve.g at a Mg. of the Temp.ce Com.ee

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6th day 8th Spent the day at the C.G. House he made arrangements for a jaunt to Attonet to-morrow to see about my wharf business in company with Isaac Francis —

7th day 9th Set off at 7½ Oclk. with J. Francis in my light waggon and a horse which I had some idea of buying — we were there about 10½ Oclk. where we met Samuel Hawkins by appointment and proceeded to the examination of the lot — and to examine where the Stone required for the wall might be obtained — had a conversation with Welcome Hathaway who owns the wharf and land adjoining mine, he claims the right of keeping my land open for his accom.n — because the privilege was granted in a deed to his father of 1797 of passing to his house and the small lot on which it was situated across the land of the Grantors Jon.a Bowen & Nicholas which intervened between the main Road and Bill's & J.s lot, no open road there existing along the river, the travelled way being through Gates and crossing the land of the said Bowen and Nichols — There is now an open way across the Northerly side of the landing of which my lot and the wharf lot of W. Hathaway is a part — I told

ing (by agreement with the heirs of my father) the Easterly half and W. H. the Westerly half of the wharf and lot, which was formerly owned jointly by Bowen & Nichols, a division of which took place in 1792 — My title coming from Bowen and his from Nichols, as I now understand the matter — I have engaged Saml. Harkins to get a copy of his deed or the description therein from the Records — The effect of his pretensions is that he may improve the part of his land bordering on the open way across my lot as a Meadow, while he makes of mine a thoroughfare — he puts his title to this Privilege on uninterrupted use of my lot lying Common or inclosed, and the Privilege is found in the old deed as first mentioned — but there is no evidence to prove that the travelled way has been in any particular line — but this has been varied according to Circumstances connected with the use of the lot as a general depository for wood & Shipped from the River, this being the first Wharf built, and hence called the Atwood Wharf — My father who (thro' into his possession by fraud) has been in a dilapidated State for the last 10 or 15 Years which has given N. Hartshorn the benefit of all the Wharfage or nearly so. of the wood &c which has been deposited on

my fathers lot — but not satisfied with this he claims the right of making a thoroughfare of this lot for his own selfish purposes. — Dined at the Temp.ce Inn — did some business with Earl Sampson relating to the Estate of John Chace dec.d and after making arrangements for the proposed work we set off about 5 in Pole and reached home between 8 & 9 — I called at my Whf and drove to Fish Island to inquire & see after my Scow which was to have been put upon the Rail Way to day — but owing to some derangement of the Machinery it was postponed till this evg.g tide — She was then in process of rising from the water up the inclined Plane — 10.th day 10 hs Attended Meetings as usual — took John Hankins home with me to tea and sent him home in the buggy in the evg — The coolness of the weather makes a little fire in the house quite necessary, we availed ourselves of the warming arrangement in the Dining Room for heat from the kitchen fire — 11.th day 11 hs Went to the Bank in the morng — and devoted the day to my business at the Cy. House, Wharf, Lane &c. evg. at home. Mr Lambert was with us at tea

3. day 12th Occupied at home writing in the body of the Estate and attending to Mechanical jobs at home through the forenoon, afternoon at the C.J. House & most of the ev.g. also. — Loyd Smith of Phila. one of the bridal party with Charles Howland and wife called this forenoon and also in the ev.g with Matthew Howland — I missed of seeing them on both occasions which I regret as he brought me a letter to my wife — but hope to see him & have a visit from him & Sister & others of the Company — Ch.s Randall was also here in the ev.g —

4th Day — Spent the forenoon at the C.J. House and also the latter part of the afternoon — being not quite well and uninformed of L. Smiths departure this afternoon I missed of seeing him — I was at home the most of the afternoon — and in the ev.g went with Mother to, Mary Ed.d & Sister P. to tea at Cousin James Arnolds, where were Mothers & Eliza Uncle Wm & fam.y & Worcester & fam.y and Wm & Emily & Compounding entertained with a beautiful table of fruit & at the close of the visit — It was a very pleasant and Social ev.g like the Family assemblages of olden time —

5th day 14th Went to the Bank Directors meeting in the morning and was at mothers, and sundry places & at the C.J. House in the forenoon, but not being quite well, with symptoms indicating the observance of quietude

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I rode to the Q. Hse. by the way of the "Depot" in the afternoon and after putting things right in regard to the Store. I took my books home and continued my work on my accounts there — and took D. Read's advice at entering —

6th day 15th Continued at home employed on my accounts through the day & w. — We had William Hillis and Robert B. Howland & Rodman Morgan to dine — the former is son of Saml. Hillis of Wilmington Del.r & brother to Ch.s Howland's wife now here on her bridal journey & visit to her new relations — he was a class mate of our Edm.d & Thos. at Haverford and seems like a fine intelligent and promising young man —

7th day 16th At home all day, busily employed in writing. and on my accounts which empl.d were extended till very late in the ev.g. Frank went this day before noon with Mary Law in the wagon to take her to her friends in Fall River, and spend the night at his uncle Micah's — Mary & Edm.d on a visit at Geo. Howlands with the bridal party this ev.g

1st day 17th At home through the day — had a call in the ev.g from T. D. Elliot, Cousin Jas. Arnold Judge Prescott & Thos. A. Greene all except the Judge on acct. of any indisposition Br.r Andrew was also here on the same account I am now almost well enough to be abroad and if the weather will be fine to-morrow I may be at the Q. House — Frank returned

about 6 6 o'clk. from Fall River. all of the Comp. myself excepted, have been at Mtg to Day or Evg.

2d. day 18th Continued my business on my Oil Stock acct & Calculations through the day and Evg.

3d. day 19th Still busied at home with my accounts and calculations through the day — and in the Evg. went to an adj. Mtg. of the Port Societies Executive Board — to consider the state of the finances and to devise some means of increasing the funds of the Society to the point necessary to continue its operations. The meeting was well attended and I hope the measures directed will be availing — which were the appointment of a Com.ee to present the necessities of the Cause to the Ship Owners and to obtain a definite expression of their disposition in regard to the Cent p. Ton contribution on their vessels — There seemed to be some doubt as to the propriety of my going out to the Wf. — but I experienced no injury having rode part of the way in going

4th day 20th Continued my business at home through the forenoon and in the afternoon rode to the Rail Road depot and to my Whf. &c to promote the execution of my improvement on the road leading to the Whf from 2d Street for the benefit of all doing business at the Whf & to accom.te the public when Geo Howland completes the avenue from Water St.

5th Day 21 Spent the day at the wharf & Cg. House principally — rode to my bro. Benj.ns farm & to the Depot of the Rail Road on business — and called at Brothers & Sister Annas, taking tea with our whole family at brothers on corn puddings &c — Harriet A Holt our good friend from olden time arrived yesterday from Newport to give us again her valuable services — This day we took a lad as waiter &c his name is Alexander Stevenson —

6th day 22d At Inkt. in the morng — at the wharf & Cg House latter part of the forenoon and afternoon — went with the family except Frank who is confined with a swelled jaw and Jane & Ellen to take tea at brother Benj.ns — Sister Eliza, Eliza Dunlea & Alfred who arr.d to day from Butternuts via Phil.a were also there — We had Sampsons Carriage to go with for us — Gen W Baker was alive at noon but with change which warranted hope of his recovery — but while life remains some hope will be cherished

7th day 23. Morng at home — forenoon at the Cg. House gave some attention to the workmen who are raising the road leading to my wharf to make the Grade correspond with Hillmon Street of which it is a continuation — a little before 12 O'Clk. I set off for Absonet to see after my wharf business there — arrived about 2 O Clk & dined at Lawton

— Found the work had progressed satisfactorily — and one vessel loading at the wharf — Conversed further with Welcome Hathaway about the division fence — and I think he will not resist, if other than by argument or persuasion — and that he will acquiesce when he finds that these fail — Conversed with several people, and got some information which Strengthen my positions — left Assonet about Sunset and reached home about 9 Oclk — bring? J Francis with me — made a call at Deacon Dunhams to weigh the Buggy & horse — the former weighed 450 & the latter 838 — On getting home I learned with sorrow that Gen W. Baker died this afternoon — He has left an unblemished reputation and life of great usefulness — his Numerous and helpless family will have the Sympathy of his numerous friends — and I hope they will give it a tangible and permanent form —

1st day 24th. Attended meetings through the day — The weather is Strong contrast with that a week or two Since — as uncomfortable from the heat as it was then from the cold. — Mr Chen H, and the two Youngest Children with me in the forenoon and little Lee only in the afternoon — Eve. at home — the early part employed in writing a few lines to Thomas

2d day 25 — At home before breakfast — forenoon at the C.J. House and making some

research for my workmen who were absent from my Street job to day — found them on another job which they had engaged previously to mine — I regret the delay on acc of the present very low run of the tides which favor the getting of the Stone required for the walls to support the elevation of the earth from the walls surrounding my dock now closed by the embankment which Geo. Howland obliged me to make across it as a condition to my having access across his land to Water Street which I had so large a share of the labor and trouble of extending from Middle to North Street thereby bringing it to his wharf in the full confidence that I, without the asking, as an implied condition of my action, which by no fair minded man could be misunderstood, — should immediately gain access to my Wharf requiring on his part a most insignificant Sacrifice either of Money or Convenience in the route which I was satisfied to expect the accommodation — But after a long Controversy and an appeal to an authority which he could not disregard he was brot to far from his false position as to make the offer to extend the Street across his dock which was to him of no value simultaneously with my destroying a valuable privilege besides incurring the greater expense of closing my Dock by

an embankment which will admit of the extention of the Street to my South line where in all probability at the time it must long stop & prove of no public utility except in getting on to my main Wharf without going round the head of my dock — notwithstanding this proposition on his part, reduced to writing and signed inter Changeably, in confirmation of the verbal offer which he made before the Overseers of the poor by me — and notwithstanding my part of the agreement has been fulfilled — the Shop — removed & the road completed over my repairing dock nearly a year, He has not yet opened the way for me and moreover declares that he shall not do it — till A.G. Seule who has redeemed from the Harbor, & about 10 ft. water — the lot north of me Since our agreement — shall open the way across his lot also to J. Dunfees, which has also been made land Since our agreement — neither of which improvements were then anticipated except at remote Contingencies, — as such extention will open the way over J. Dr. Wharf to Mayfield Street — for which the latter having erected his large blacksmith's establishment with reference to such extention is very anxious — so little does he regard his deliberate & voluntary

& written promise — In the afternoon I attended the funeral Services preceding the interment of our much lamented Citizen Geo H Baker — which were held at his late residence, which was crowded with those who wished to pay this sad tribute of respect to his modest but uncommon worth & usefulness — The latter part of the afternoon I was at the Cg House — & g. at work [illegible] on business connected with the Belleview Estate at Newport — Came home through a heavy thunder Shower — which detained little Ellen all night at her uncle Charles's —

3. day 26th Occupied by my usual avocations at the house & the Cg House & where I was detained till after Candle light having 4th day given some oversight and assistance to my Men who were getting Stones from the old dock wall to build the wall to Support the road in Contin of Hillman Street. The High Tide at the time of low water was some hindrance as well as uncomfortable

4th. Day 27 Occupied much as yesterday with Cg. the duties & and the oversight & aid of my workmen — got my Small Scow on Hillmans Launching ways She having been towed this morng. from Fair haven where She had been lying on Shore for many weeks after having drifted from Pope Island where She had laid for many months — I went to Fair Haven yesterday to raid

of a very high tide to get her off Stone and with the aid of one or two men succeeded and anchored her in deep water — I was late at the Cg. House to compensate for the time absent from it in attending to my out of door business in the day

5th day 28 — Spent the Morng. in relation to my Cg. &c. business — at noon went to the Town Hall to meet with our citizens our Ex President John Quincy Adams — he having arrived last Evg to make a visit to our Townsman Jos Grinnell — The hall was filled with as many as could convene to see or hear the proceedings — He was introduced in an appropriate address to our citizens at the close of which he spoke for about 20 minutes in an interesting Speech — after which some hundreds of the audience were particularly introduced to him — It was an interesting occasion, to have among us one of our most if Not the most illustrious of our living Statesmen and Patriots, after a long Series of Public Services, from his early youth to his now venerable age (near fourscore as he remarked in his Speech) honestly and ably discharged — & from which he has not yet retired — His career in the House of Representatives since he retired from the highest Office in our Republic, leaving greatly enhanced his reputation with the Country for the masterly and fearless Stand which he took in defence of the liberties of the People when vitally attacked by the Southern Slave holders and their doughface friend allies of the other

other States who have shown themselves so ready to do their dirty work, and thus far successfully attacked - in the arbitrary rule of the House of Representatives in denying to the people the Right of Petition, when exercised in reference to Southern Slavery, - He almost single handed encountered the storm and under circumstances of the most trying nature, exposed with the utmost boldness & constancy, and thus far without as yet complete success, with an ability and power which has showed to the nation the tyrannical character of the Slaveholding Spirit, which not content with treading on the necks of their own Slaves, are determined to extend, if possible, their domination over the white Citizens of the West North & East - and is I trust the harbinger of their complete emancipation at no distant day from the Dictation of 250 thousand Southern holders of Slaves - which has been, in great measure tempered by the nation, a most odious Oligarchy, wielding under the semblance of Republicanism the destinies of the Country - I spent the afternoon at the Ex. House and in the ev. was at a Party at Jo. Grinnells with Mr Chase H. Mann & Edm. when we had an opportunity of seeing more of and conversing familiarly with the venerable Patriot - The Company was large attracted and invited by the kindness of Mr. & Mrs G. to meet their distinguished guest

6th. day 29th — Occupied by my usual cares and business at the Cg. House & Whf. lot throughout the day excepting the mg & other usual hours at home. took tea with ma Chas H. at Mothers where were also Matthew & Rachel Howland & bro. Benj & Sister Sarah — Chas & Susan being in Boston — to see their Sister Ann who with her husband & Children who were expecting to embark for England to make a visit to Fri Mother Family.

4th day 30th. Spent the forenoon at the Whf. & Cg. Hse — Set off about 12 for Assonet going a few miles out of my way to make some enquiries relative to the title to the Whf. lot in Assonet which seems to have called in Question — ar there about 3 — O'clk — and left about 7 — have done what was required by the State of my business there. Another week will I trust nearly bring it to a close — On reaching Town I called at the Cg. Hse. to see to putting my books in the usual place of Safety — when finding my Scow very insecurely left I was detained a considerable time in getting out the requisite parts —

1st day 10mo 1. — Attended Friends Meetings forenoon and afternoon — the weather being rainy Ma Chas H. or the Children did not accompany me — Rem: of the day at home

2d day 2d. At the Cg. Hse. most of the day attended in the afternoon the funeral Service consequent on the death of Alfred

at his late residence. the Rev. Jas. A. Roberts officiated — He was an estimable Citizen and active & honorable in his business Character — We. at home part of it with the Comp[y]. of Matthew & Rachel Howland and her niece Susan Reeve — the two latter expect to leave town for Burlington to-morrow

3. day 3. At the Cg. House & throughout the forenoon after the Mg. at the Inst[n]. for Savings for the anual Semi Annual business and the choice of a treasurer in place of G. W. Baker dec[d]. — Ruben Nye was chosen — had a long call — from Hon. A. Potter of Newport with reference to the Bill Vue Est[e] — and met him again after dinner to see my Uncle Wm. who is a joint proprietor on the same subject — Our friends Daniel & Hetty Smith with their daughter Mary arr[d]. about ½ past 3 from Newport — to whose comp[y]. the rem[r]. of the day & Eve[g] with the exception of an hour at the Cg. House to deposite my books for the night we was given

4th. day 4th. At home most of the day with our friends from Haverford — Spent an hour or two at the Cg. House & while they were dashing a ride with me there & to see the Town & environs — walked at the close of the day with D. S. about the Wharves &c and took tea with our friends at C. W. Morgans with Sev-

ral of the Other branches of the family
& T. L. Greene —
5th. Day 5th. Spent the forenoon with our
friends I went with D.S. to call on T. A
Greene and see his fine Collection of Shells
— which detained us a little beyond the
time appointed to make our Calls. On
returning home found that ma Chace H.
& H. Smith had rode out — the returned
ing having been to Bro. Benj.ns plase
— we joined them in Calls at Uncle
Wm's Aunt Mary's & Mothers and
Went with D.S. to Geo. Hussey's — after
an early Dinner I accompanied our friends
to the R.R. Depot where they departed
in the Cars for home via Newyork where
they were to Spend a day or two — the
giving every promise of a fine pas-
sage on the Sound — I Spent the
rem.r of the afternoon &c at the C.H. &c
6th Day 6th Devoted the forenoon to my
concerns at the C.H. &c. — in the after
noon Mrs Chace H. with Edm.d Set off
to visit Thos. at Cambridge — I was at
the C.H. after their departure, and occu-
pied till a very late hour in Calculat-
ions relating to the Bellevue Estate at
Newport consequent on an application
from Chs. Hazard for its lease or purchase
7th Day 7th Spent the forenoon on the
C.H. business of Bellevue Estate

in a long conference at Uncle Wm's Office with the new applicant for the lease, and in writing at home to the present Tenant to give him the refusal of the premises on the terms concluded upon in S. conference —

about noon set off for Attones to see after my work there — and returned as 7 O'Clk with I Francis in time for my attendance at the Adj. mg. of the Port Soc'y. which occupied an hour or two afterwards at home — the weather raining and threatening a storm.

1st day 8th The wind being high with much rain in the night I went to the wh'f before breakfast — found the street entering my wh'f lot much washed by the Rain — attended meetings AM & PM — which were small on acc't of the weather — W'h continues stormy — The day & ev'g otherwise spent at home

2d day 9th attended the M'g. & Bank Directors in the m'g. and gave the rest of the day to Cg & the duties — Ma Chas H & Ed. arrived this ev'g. from Barton & having had a Satisfactory visit to Phot. though somewhat incommoded by the weather, and disappointed in obtaining lodg's in Cambridge, being obl'd to attend to the city on the ev'g of their arrival

3. day 10th Went to the J.C. at 8 lots after the morng. meal — which occupied most of the forenoon — remd. of it at the Oil mill with Edwd. initiating him a little into the routine of business there — after dinner went to the R.R. Depot and finished the afternoon at the Cg. House. Attended the meeting of the N.B. Post Soc'y. for the choice of Officers, which was very meagerly attended and required several efforts to get a Quorum — But finally succeeded & completed the annual choice — after which I went with T. A Green to the Acady. to try the new Telescope 7in ft. reflecting recently procured — it showed the moon & Saturn to good advantage but not equal (the former) to that of Capt. Jabez Delano of Fairhaven who was there with his instrument for the comparison.

4th day 11th Occupied about home matters &c till 10 A.M. — then to the Cg. House — fore part of the afternoon at home & latter part at the Cg. House — Cg. at home, had a tea visit from Mother & Wife Benj. Fam'y. including with the former Eliz. Fisher whom I called to see this forenoon She having returned home with Wife Rebecca on their return from Phila. on 3. day via Albany — by which means they avoided the disastrous anxiety which they would have had if they had been onboard the Mass. during the Storm of 7th day night & 1st day — Eliz. Reed was with Benj. Fam'y. She having gone yesterday on a visit to her parents. Mr. Crosby the Comp.a Cg. from Boston called this eg —

5th day 12th Occupied through the day with my business at the Cy. House &c. and in doing duty as one of a Special Cont. of the Town Temperance board — in the ev. went to the monthly mg. of s.d Board — Some embarassment was experienced in getting a place for the meeting. The change of Treas.r of the Inst.n for Savings consequent on G. W. Baker's death not being adverted to in season to gain admission at the usual place of meeting — after some ineffectual endeavors to find the Key — the mg. was held at the Chairman's Office viz that of the Mutual Ins.ce Co.y. We had Mr. Crosby the Temp.ce Ag.t addr.

6th day 13th Occupied principally in Cy. Hse. duties, with reference to the Rail Road train, dispatches for Missouri St Louis & N. Orleans — Walked to the Depot after a late dinner with regard to a quantity of joist which I had ordered to be forwarded to Missouri, to day but found that they had not been delivered there in time. They must of course wait till to morrow afternoon, at the Cy. Hse last home the Ven.r of the day and Evg — Mrs Chev. H. is much oppressed and confined above Stairs with a cold which contracted during her late visit to Cambridge &c

4th day 14th Went before breakfast in quest of a team for ploughing the field at my West lots from which the Crop of Potatoes & Corn was completed in the harvesting yesterday — Spent an hour or two at the Town Clerks Office in the fore

noon consulting Legal Authorities with refer-
ence to my disputed right to my own Prem-
ises at Assonet — then made some preliminary
arrangements for leaving home. which
were delayed somewhat by the Rain, and set
off about 1 O'Clk. for Assonet — arrived there
about half past 3 O'Clk. — Had an inter-
view with Capt N. Hathaway who claims
the right of way over my Wharf lot, & still
adhering to his erroneous views of the Case
— S. Harkins was there Completing his Survey
of my lot and the lots adjacent on the east
— Called to see Capt. John Nichols, in
consequence of a letter which Capt Hathe-
way del. me expressive of the dissent of
Samuel Walker and his wife Fanny to
my proceeding to erect a division fence be-
tween my wharf & that of Capt. H. — I had the
last time that I was in Assonet consulted
Capt. N. as one of the heirs of the late James
Nichols, his father, in regard to the Right of
way which was reserved to the heirs in the deed
from Jon.a Bowen to Benj.n Chace, and obtained
his assent and his opinion that none of the oth-
ers would have any objection to my carrying
out my plan. I found that he had written the
letter referred to at the instance of his niece &
her husband who live in Dighton, about 6 miles
distant — I found his own personal views as
he had before expressed them — After some
discussion with Capt. Hathaway on the point
at issue between us on the lot, in presence of

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some Dozen persons. in which the views of each remained unchanged — and after some conversation with Walter D. Nichols a Grand son of the late James N. whom Capt. H. supposed to be embraced in the phrase heirs of the late J. N. & who had declared to Capt. H. his disapprobation of my erecting the fence — in wch Connection I found that he had misapprehended the Case, and soon convinced him of his error — I concluded it would be best for me to see S. Walker & wife also — I therefore took I. Francis with me after supper and rode to Deighton — and stated my View of the Case to them also — I found that they had only written to Capt. N. at the urgent Solicitation of W. Hathaway — and they were soon convinced that they had rights which I sh. interfere with & at any rate that they could have conveyed no such rights to Capt. H. by the Sale of their Whf. and Landing to him — got back to Assonet about 10½ Cl Mk — to remain for the night and return home in the Morn —

1st Day 15th I set off on my return from Assonet about Sunrise and reached home between 8 & 9 Cl Mk — I was rather late for my own meeting and therefore I went with Sister Phebe to Friends in the forenoon and to Friends in the afternoon — Called at Aunt Mary's bro. Williams', Lydia Russells and C. W. Morgans. walked also to see the ruins of his small barn which with its contents was

bound East ev'g. about 9 Oclk.
2d day 16th At the Ch. Hse. before breakfast preparatory to my going to Fall River to attend the Mtg. of the Portsmouth Mass. Coy — left about 8½ Oclk with little Allen who is this day ten years old — we encountered a heavy Shower near Smiths Bridge — and took Shelter under a Shed where we were detained about ¾ of an hour. Bro. Wm & Andw & Sister Eliza were brot up at the same village — all proceeded — Andw before the rain abated. the others of us after. — Attended to the business of the Ch. and dined at Micah's where we met Uncle Wm & Wife — B & Ch! with his d. Eliz — & Sister Eliza & Eliz. Fisher also there — after a pleasant visit and a bountiful supply of Peaches of which I brot about ½ a bu. just picked from the trees we set off on our return — Ellen & her little Cousin being put into mothers Carriage with their Aunt & Cousin to avoid the rain more effectually — it continuing at intervals during the afternoon & ev'g — I was at home about 7 Oclk the others being before me.
3d day 17th Engaged at the Ch. House &c — had a call after tea from the Rev. M. Spalding Financial Agent of the Am. Seamens Friend Soc'y — he visited an introduction to some of the leading members of our Soc'y

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and I arranged to go with him to-morrow to see A. Sheaman, his object being to make some statements in relation to the Cause of the Moral Impt. of Seamen to the Mg. on 5th. Day next if allowable — He accompanied us to the Opening Lecture of the Lyceum by the Rev. M. Putnam of Roxbury — Sister P. Mary & Frank were there, Ma chose to & Ed. prevented by Colds —

4th day 18th I ascertained last ev'g that A Sheaman was not in Town & w'd not probably be till this afternoon — I saw M. Spalding and arranged to call on him this ev'g — I spent the day in the discharge of my business at the Cg House &c — had M. S. with us at tea but as he had made an engagement to attend a Prayer Mg. for Seamen at the Elm St Methodist Mg House the visit to A.S. was again deferred — I went with him in the expectation of going with him at its close, but it was too late when the Mg. closed —

5th. Day 19th. about home and at the Cg. House till the hour of Friends week day Meet'g. which I attended, thinking it possible that M. Spalding might be there, probably he was discouraged by the interview with A. Sheaman Jr. which he expected to have this morning — I spent the rem: of the day looking over the papers and in seeing to my affairs at the Cg. House & was home

6th Day 20th. Engaged in my ordinary avocations at home and at the Cf. Ho till about 2 Oclk PM. Dined by invitation at my brother Williams at 3 Oclk. with a family party in celebration of Alfreds 23d Year. completed yesterday The proceedings were conducted in the modern fashionable Style. Turtle Soup. A course of boiled & a course of roast meats, pastry fruits Cigars & Coffee — The wine was moderate in Claret & Spanish — The ladies withdrew prior to the introduction of the Cigars — which occupied some of the Compy. till near 9 when we joined the Ladies in the drawing Room and Soon after took our leave — It is long since I have been at a dinner party — and I liked to see again in Social relaxation the relatives & friends present — On returng. home I found I had occasion to go to the Cf. House where I expected to do a considerable business before the close of the w.y. when I left it for dinner.

7th Day 21st Gave further attention in the morning the operations at mothers house as I did also yesterday Mg. before breakfast and at divers other times through the week — the object being to make the two northerly tenements more desirable by adding a Cellar to one and introducing water pipes from the well to each — Part of the forenoon engaged in some domestic concerns, and in preparing some articles to be sent to Skene attles — Set off for Aboyne about 1/2 Oclk to close up my business there for the present

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met S. Francis on the road returning ab.
5 miles from the S. village — he having com-
pleted the Division fence, and leav[e]d only
the filling in back of the Wall, to be done
which I purpose doing with materials
to be obtained from the River by the use
of my Scow which I am now repairing for
that purpose — Had another interview
with Capt. Hathaway, who is now cut
off from his usual track across my lot
to his whf. & House — He having declined
my offer to move back his fence so
as to open a com[n] by his own land to the
road. He seems little dissatisfied and
proposed leaving the point at issue between
us to three men to be mutually chosen or
one by each resp[y]. & the third by them. But
as it is a matter will require more
than Common intelligence & legal knowl-
edge to settle the Question on its merits
I proposed to unite with him in a sub-
mission of the facts of the Case to the
judgment of one of the Judges of our
Court of Com. Pleas — to which he agreed
and I authorised his opening the fence when
he wishes to pass, at his own expense to be
thus replaced by him if my right to erect the
fence shd. be established by the decision of
the umpire. I Paid the debts due in that
quarter and set off on my return soon
after Sunset — reaching home soon after 8 Oclk
— went down St. on some small occasions. — The Doctor

was here this ev.g to see Ma chere H, who is still quite an invalid — Sue's cold also deprives her of her accustomed air and exercise —

1st day 22. Attended Friends Meetings as usual A.M & P.M. — with this exception I passed the day at home principally in reading — We had calls from Eliz.a Fisher & Mary Rugales, Ch.d & Sarah Morgan — after the ev.g Meeting — Ma chere H. was above Stairs most of the day, but with us at tea & in the ev.g — Sister P. & the Children went to the Episcopal Church — — Sue at home with her mother Lunch instead of dinner that all of the domestics might go to Mr.e & Home a day of rest from usual avocations so far as convenience will permit —

2d. day 23d Spent the day principally at the Cy. House but in relation to the Arsenal business examining the deeds of transfer and Executions — with a view to making a Plan of the land which should illustrate the Subject if referred as was agreed at my last visit to one of the judges of the Ct. of Com.n Pleas of our State. — found after some attempts to sketch an outline that it would be necessary to delineate the several tracts & pieces with minute attention to the Courses & distances as given in the documents, and therefore in the ev.g. I procured with some trouble suitable paper of large size I set about

the work, after Dr. Read had made his visit whom I found ma chere et had called in on account of her continued stricture of the Chest, resulting from the Cold which she contracted on her jaunt to Boston and Cambridge — continued the work late into the night

3d. day 24th Occupied at home through the day in making the Plan of the Prospect Land surrounding my wharf lot — The imperfect and outlined data for which made it a job of much labor and difficulty — Had a visit at tea de from Sister Elder, my nieces Eliz.h Fisher and Mary Rogers and the friend of the latter Julia White who are staying at Mothers — I accompanied Sister Ed & Fisher to the Lyceum lecture, which was by Mr Brooks of Boston on Zoology — E. F. returned with me and at the close of the lec I accompanied with Edm.d on visit to Mothers — and made a short Call to see her whom my avocations had prevented my seeing for some days — I continued my work on my return home to a late hour

4th. day 25th. finished this morning my tedious job and then returned to my usual avocations and Cares at the Cl. House &c including some attention to the work which I am directing at my Mothers house on Water St. to make it more convenient and

therefore more desirable to Occupants in the North and West Tenements which have been occupied but a small part of the time since they were completed last Autumn.

4th Day 26th Engaged at the Cg. House, and in attending to my business Concerns and gave some attention to the work at my mothers house. Saw Mr. Spalding of the Am. Seamens Friend Society, and went with him to my Uncle Williams's to introduce him to the latter, but were unsuccessful in not finding him at home. Mr. S left town this afternoon and I saw him again at the R.R. Depot. Engaged at the Cg. Hse P.M. & Eve.

5th Day 27 Occupied at the Cg. House & Thro the day — was prevented from attending the Mid week Religious Mg. as I designed to do — Isabel Morgan was with us at tea and passed the night with Sue — The latter has been unwell for a couple of weeks and had a turn of vomiting after tea, but not so as to make her discontinue her amusements with the children — Sister Phebe & Mary left us in the Cars this afternoon for Boston to make a visit to Martha Tucker & E. Wells respectively

6th Day 28 A very rainy day — Occupied at the Cg. Hse & wharf &c — The improvement in the entrance to the wharf from Hillman Street has been much retarded by the rainy weather since its Commencement — much of the earth having be

washed away in its loose state the paved gutter not being yet finished to conduct the water shamberly down to the termination in the dock. left at home
Wednesday 28th At the C.H. some time before breakfast in relation to the Chronometer of the Ship Charles — after a late brkft had a consultation with the other owners of the Bellevue Estate at Uncle Wm Offin — and left town a little before noon for Assonet to try to accommodate matters with Welcome Hathaway — had an interview with him at Capt John Nichols' but not succeeded in satisfying him of the correctness of my course and views went with him to his house and there made out a Statement of the Case to be submitted to the decision of Judge Williams of Taunton such decision to be binding on both parties — The drawing up of this Statement occupied us till quit dark — soon after completing which, I took measures for securing my Cap boys which had been raised up by the late high tides, and then set off for home which I reached a little after 9 say about 9½ Oclk. And devoted the rem: of the eve till very late in making a copy of our Submission and preparing the Papers to send to Judge Williams on Th: day morng.

1st day 29th Find J. that there was some obstruction to the convent. work of our bath. appr. by which little Sue was deprived of the benefit of a bath which D Read prescribed last evg — I put up the Stove in the Bath Room this mg. — attended Friends meetings — at which there were several Strangers in the afternoon who addressed us in a feeling but not powerful manner — In the evg. I called at Mothers. and was sorry to find her with some Cold, and then went to the Anniversary mg. of the N. Bedford Bible Society — Where interesting addresses were made by Mr Bent of Taunton & Gilbert Richmond & Rev. Mr. Dyer of this Town. — At the close of the mg I called at James Arnold's to see Miss Dyer

2. day 30th Walked to the R.R Depot before breakfast to avail of Mr. Bents return to Taunton to transmit the papers relating to the Attornet Wharf to Judge Williams — after breakfast went with James Arnold to the Academy to be present at his communication to the Scholars & Mr. Beane, the views of the Trustees as ascertained at their mg by the day evg. relative to the course pursued by Mr. Walker the assistant, prejudical to the success of Mr. Beane and shewing a want of a just sense of propriety and delicacy in

the relation in which he has stood towards him as Principal of the Institution with which he has been for a year or two connected — It was thought best that W. W. Sh^d. no longer remain in the Academy — James addressed the Scholars at considerable length and gave some very good advice which I trust will be useful to themselves and beneficial to the future interests of the Institution.. Benj^a. S. Rolph was also there — Devoted most of the time after leaving the Academy to the business at my mothers house — and the rem^r. of the day at the C.H. House &c — Eat^d. at home. Susan is rather better to day but quite unwell 3^d. day 31^st. Occupied at the C.H. House & through the day — and in the ev^g. went to the Lyceum lecture which was given by H.G.O. Colby on Ancient Greece — It was a very interesting and able lecture, the house well filled

4^th. day 1 mo. 1 — Devoted my time to some domestic concerns, and to the operations at my mothers house — together with C.H. the duties, including some time after dinner till the hour of noting the Therm^r. Spent in looking over the Papers — Had a call towards Ev^g. from W^m. Harand and Geo. A. Armstrong and Geo Armstrong father of the latter & father in law of the former to negociate

about the Bellevue Estate at Newport — I spent the m.g. in consulting with the other Owners, and the S. parties, as the engagements of my Uncle & bro.r And.w did not permit them to meet the Newport men on the subject — and in drawing the leases. after the terms were settled — which business occupied me till about midnight.

5.th day 2.d Went to R. Roberts's after the devotional Social reading of the morning to submit the draught of the Lease and obtain his Signature — took breakfast with him and then went with his bro.r Fried.k to sign and witness the Signatures of the other parties — which took up the time till about 10 o'clk — after some time spent in looking over the news find.g it too late for the week day meeting which I intended to attend. I devoted the rem.r of the day to Cg. House duties & the Temp.ce Cause. — Seeing the usual time after dinner at home — went to the mg. of the Temp.ce Cond.e in the ev.g — and after a late supper wrote up the doings of the meeting and attended to the correcting some of the misdoings of the departments till a late hour.

6.th day 3.d Engaged at the Cg. house throughout the day and the early part of the ev.g — rem.d at home continuing the work on my acct. Books &c. Isabel Morgan was with the fam.y at tea

4th day 4th Occupied with my G. House duties &c — Most of the day in relation to D.S. Dodsham and his accounts relating to the S. James Stewart of St. John N.B. Colony J. to C.C. Stewart of S. Place — — Sister Phebe & Mary arrived this evg. from their visit in Boston — Which they seem to have enjoyed very much — I was engaged till quite late in writ J. letters &c

1st day 5th Attended Mg. Adl at Friends house, and in the afternoon at the Marinis Church — where the Sermon was by Capt. Sullivan I believe from N. York which was attentively listened to by a pretty full house — Called to see my mother after Mg — She has been somewhat unwell with a cold for a week — but she thinks herself rather better, her cough less troublesome than some days back — learned that Sister Eliza went to Boston yesterday with A. Roberson to make a short visit to Martha & Elisabeth. Sister Sarah Joanna Rotch & Ellen Rodman called to see the family between meetings — I went to my Grandmother with Mary in the Eve. after she had been to the Epis! Church the 3d time to day. Sister Phebe being somewhat unwell remained at home and her brother Francis was her only Companion

2d. day 6th Morng. at home & till after 10 — then to the Cg. House — afternoon at the Cg. House Cg. at home with her I did not return till a little after the tea hour — Mr. Lambert was here at tea — but Mrs. Chase H being a little more troubled by the pain in her chest was in the nursery all the evg. & at tea —

3d. day 7th Spent the forenoon at the Cg. House to which we were detained till rather late dinner hour Joanna Rotch being with us — on reaching home found that a letter had just been rec'd. from Walter Mitchell informing us that our Thomas was sick with Measles — It was mg. concluded that some one must go down to him — and I decided to take the Cars at 2 o'Clk, making the necessary preliminary arrangements I was shortly on my way to the depot taking my dinner in my hand — arrived at Cambridge about 6 o'Clk & found Thos. in bed but comfortable — the fever having principally left him and the eruption nearly disappeared — low diet and great care only being necessary apparently to his recovery — but the sad effects of the disease on the sight with great caution not to use the eyes too soon — makes me anxious that he should have some one with him to cheer him in the absence of his accustomed mental occupations — His friend Walter has been kind to him staying with him for the two preceding nights and studying in his room considerably in the day — though the little light admitted — I fear imposed too severe a tax on his visual organs —

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Cambridge 4th. Day 8 — Rose early and having rivived the fire took a Saddle horse and set off for the N.B. R R. Depot Boston to send a letter home and relieve the Anxiety there about Thomas — The lights snow wd. had fallen in the previous n.g. as the horse was not rough Shod made this mode of travelling rather hazardous — and on the bridge so much so that I dismounted & walked, or as I feared I might not be in season for the train ran, across the River — return.g. I dismounted again and walked over the same part of the distance —— Abt. 4 O'clk I rode into Boston in the Omnibus to meet Sister Phebe, or Harriet at the R.R. Depot, having written for one of them to be with Thos. and relieve me — stopped a few minutes with S. Wells's family in West Cedar Street on the way my sister Eliza being there on a visit to our niece — Sister Phebe was in the Cars — and we proceeded in the Omnibus to Cambridge — Mr. Tucker where Thomas Rooms kindly took sister P in so that she might avoid all unnecessary exposure while attend.g upon Thomas — I have taken my meals at D. Plympton's where Thos. boarded in health —

5th day 9th. All things being in good train for the comfortable accommodation of both Thos. & his aunt I set off for Boston on foot about 7 O'clk to return by the morng train home — leav.g my trunk to follow me in the

afternoon train — Stopped again for a minute at F. M. Weldi — and took my seat at 8 Oclk — arrived in N. Bedford in due course about 11 Oclk and found the fam.y as well as when I left home — Spent the afternoon at the Cg. Hse &c, & went in the ev.g. hear a Political address from Mr Walley of Roxbury, with which I was much pleased for its temperate and candid Character as well as for its perspicuity and sound logic

6.th day 10.th Attended to the Cares at home and at the Counting house which press upon me — called before dinner to see my Cousin Eliza Farrar who left Cambridge the day that I arr.d there, to make a Short visit to Aunt Mary — whose health seems precarious — Mr. Farrar called to see visit Mrs Parker who Stays at his house during his wife's absence, to see and enquire after Thomas on 4.th day — Mrs P. going to Thos room while I visited Mr. F. in his riding vehicle — His infirm health making this air and exercise thus enjoyed quite essential to him — He suffers much from an affection of the nerves which has rendered his right arm nearly useless — — In the ev.g we had some of Edm.d Mary's young friends, including the Cousins of this Page as usual — except S. R. Morgan who is unwell — Benj.n S. Rotch was here in the latter part of the ev.g. to attend home his sister.

7.th day 11 — Engaged about home the early part of the forenoon — and then by various

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Business Cares, at the Whf & till late dinner hour — having Mother Sister Eliza and E. Fisher to dine with us — I was at the Cg. House for a short time in the Afternoon part of the eg — Bro: A. Roberson and his son Fred: joined us at tea —

1st Day 12th Attended Friends Mgs. and called at the Close of the afternoon session at Mothers to enquire after her health, and ascertain whether She took any in going to our house yesterday in consequence of the rainy weather — & was gratified to learn that She did not

2d day 13th This is the day of our State election — and of more than ordinary interest from the disgraceful course pursued by the Locofoco Party the past year — I have spent but little time at the Polls — having business to attend to & from past experience having no great faith in the utility of my efforts on these occasions to turn the opinions of others — The result however is honorable to New Bedford — The Whig ticket has a majority of about 250 over all others — I spent some time in an argument with two of the Master Ship Wrights at my whf. which may be of some future good but of no present effect — My Oil from the Alexia was bro: over to day. in my Sloop towed by the Ferry boat from Fairhaven

— a letter from Sister informs of the continued amendment — Evg. as usual read. the Standard, which shows in an Ed.l article the coalition which has heretofore subsisted & now subsists between the S.n Slave holders and the Northern democrats! as they call themselves — as shown by the votes in Congress and the State legislatures &c — Eden was at the Whig Mg — held in the Town Hall on the success of their efforts here to day —

3.d day 14.th My business, as yesterday called me to the Wh.f &c before breakfast — so that I was not present at that meal and the usual devotional reading was omitted — devoted the day to my Cg. & the engagements with the exception of the time occupied by my attendance at the funeral assemblage at Mr. Beanes on the death of his little girl of 20 months — I was grieved to see in the small number present so slight a manifestation of the sympathy of the friends of this very worthy family — Mg. at the Lyceum Lecture — by the Rev. Mr. Abbot of Nantucket on Austria — all of the children attended — Little Ellen having been promised the gratification of hearing this popular Lecturer — My meteorological copy — for Mr. Espy occupied the rest of the eve.g

4th Day 15th Engaged at the Cg House & Oil works most of this day & part of the eve'g was spent in making arrangements for some improvement in our Oil establishment to facilitate the business — latter part of the eve'g at home — Edw'd & Mary at their Uncle Wm's in the eve'g —

5th Day 16th — The Cg House and Oil works have divided my time — eve'g at home Edw'd & Mary at a party at their Cousin Emma's —

6th day 17th Engaged about my affairs at the Oil Works and Cg House & Edw'd went to Boston this morning and returned in the afternoon train with his bro' Tho's and Aunt Phebe — Alonzo Tucker's family with Sister Anna came at the same time — Tho's appearance has not suffered by his disease — some cough and hoarseness continue — The fear that his eyes might suffer permanently if too soon used has furnished the inducement for his present visit

7th Day 18th Went to the Cg Hse & Oil Works before breakfast, and spent the forenoon in attending to my business there and in some oversight of the Carpenters and plumber's work at mothers house on Water St — to introduce the Water to the North and West tenements — Dined at A. Roberons with a family Party — which was increased in the eve'g by the junior Members &

the Rev. Mr Pierpont Boston who has come to deliver the Anniversary address before the Benevolent Society — it was a very pleasant visit

1st day 19 Attended Friends Mgs. and in the evening went to hear Mr Pierpont's address which was a very able and interesting appeal in behalf of the weak and the poor. The audience was large and very attentive but the effect on the score of funds remains to be learned Our people of competent means are not prone to give freely even for worthy objects. After the Mg. I called at Mothers and afterward at Andrews to see Mr C — He leaves town to-morrow AM —

2. day 20th to the Oil works and w[illegible] before breakfast which brot me too late the Mg Reading — the business hours devoted to the Mg. principally to the duties thereunto belonging which attached upon the Dining Room

3d day 21 Occupied mostly at the Oil Works &c — went to the Lyceum lecture on my way home from the C. House. John C Park was the lecturer, Subject the character of the Pilgrim fathers as evinced by their proceedings prior to their landing at Plymouth and the early "Compact" regulations and laws — also the grand features connected with their enterprize as they relate to the then State of this part of the New World and their designs and disappointments carrying according to

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the Speakers apprehension most clearly a Special Providence for the extension of Christianity & Civilization over this Continent, the discovery of which at the time that Columbus achieved his renowned adventure being a part of the Same Supernatural Agency — or one of the innumerable indications of a Presiding Wisdom higher than Man's directing and wonderfully too often unseen his affairs

4th Day 22. Engaged at the Wbt. Cg. Ho and Oil works — went in the ev'g to a party at Sister Sarah's the annual meeting of our family, the misses Norton & cousin Sam, friend Bethune

5th. Day 23. Went to the Oil works & before breakfast, called at mothers. & thence to meeting (monthly) — afternoon and ev'g at the Oil works Wbg & Cg House —

6th. Day 24. Spent the forenoon in attending to business at the Oil works Cg. House &c. abt 2 Oclk went with little Ellen. her mother sister Thebe and the other children having preceded us to Dine at Aunt Mary's who kindly invited the whole family with no other Company — an attention which seemed too much under her circumstances in regard to health — She having been much unwell with a chronic Catarrh about a year — She is now temporarily better — and having tried without success

the skill of the regular physicians — She has lately at the instance of her friends called in the Homeopathic practitioner, D Roche — We had a very handsome dinner and very pleasant visit — My aunt and her companion Mary Gifford showing us the kindest attentions

4th day 25 Took a turn as usual to the Oil Works &c before breakfast — and attended to sundry items during the forenoon then to the Cg. House & wharf &c — After the hour of my meteorological note in the afternoon I was again at the Cg. House till 4 o'c. when I joined my wife and sister Phebe in a tea visit at William J. Ketchis — where were Mother Eliza E. Fisher Uncle Wm Forest Lydia and Eliza and Anna Drinker

1st day 26th Attended Meetings at Friend's place of worship — and in the P.M. went to the Anniversary Meeting the public Meeting of the N.B. Port Soc'y — The address was made by the Rev. Capt Sullivan — who has been through the various grades of the Seamans profession and for the last eight years has been employed as a Missionary on the line of the Erie Canal & the lakes &c — He spoke with much energy and zeal though not so fully informed of the state of things in this particular place as those who are less of strangers, and therefore in some of his remarks he was aside of the facts — and perhaps cast an undue degree of gloom

on the Owners and fitters who are most immediately in connection with the Seamen employed from this Port — Though the abuses of which the Sailor is subject sometimes occur from the hands of these Classes and perhaps not very unfrequently from the latter the chief delinquency of the Owners of the Ships I consider to be an inattention to the best interests of the men in regard to their intellectual and moral improvement indicated by the absence of personal care in these respects as well as the refusal on the part of many to furnish the small contribution which the Port Society asks of them to sustain its operations for the benefit of Seamen — made some morning calls before breakfast

5th day 27th Occupied by my engagements at the Oil works C. House &c — staid at home

3d day Spent the forenoon principally in a jaunt to Greenhaven in relation to my Scow now under repairs — also made a call while there at the lodgings of Miss Grafenreed relative to her giving lessons to Mary but found that She was absent on a visit in Boston to return the week after next

4th Day 29th Made a visit to the Market and Wharf before breakfast — Forenoon at the C. House &c. had Brother & Sister Eliza and Nieces Eliz.th Esther & Martha Tucker to dine — late in the afternoon went to attend to some charitable objects on my Brothers & my own acct., together with some

unfinished business at the Q. House, which detained me too late for the early tea with the fam'y. Our friends ordered to accommodate the attendance of some of them at the Anti Slavery Lecture by Wendell Phillips — I was there postponing my W. meal till late in the ev'g — The Lecture was very able and interesting and listened to with attention & perfect decorum by an audience quite large in the North Baptist M. H. Had the weather been fine probably that large house would have been well filled — I called at J. H. Emerson after riding home with mother &c, to see Mr Phillips — He gave a beautiful and instructive lecture before the Lyceum last evening on "Charleston" — which was enjoyed by a full House — He spoke without notes —

5th day 30th — Attended Friends meeting — which was small — the other Mgs. except the Episcopal being open — and probably better attended — I was however the only one of my fam'y who attended the Religious Services of this time honored New England Institution. Thanksgiving. I was at the Q. House a short time after dinner and at a party at Br. Williams in the ev'g — where were the family brandy and 2 others of these Friends — Many Drinkers among the number — She has J. returned yesterday from her years visit to her friends in N. York & Penn'a — all of our fam'y. except Ellen were there — and the day was literally ended by the younger members. — Mother was there.

6th day 12/1/43 Devoted my time to the usual objects at home, at the Wharf & C.G. House & my Children and two elder Sons and Self were at J. R. Robersons to tea &c — where were Mother & he & wife, Sister Anna & Martha & Lydia Macy — We had a pleasant visit though a slight Snow gave a wintry character to the Landscape

7th day — Went early to the Canal Works with Ed. — and spent the day chiefly at the C.H. & elsewhere in executing the duties claiming my attention — at 7 P.M. went to the Mg. of the Port Society Ex. B — to organize for the year and hear the report of the Committee appointed by the late board to consider and take measures to secure the requisite funds to sustain the operations of the Society — The Report showed that they had carried out the plan suggested at the previous Meeting of making an individual appeal to the Ship Owners for a renewal of their subscriptions of agreement to the Tonnage Contribution as this resource on which the Society has relied seems to be of more and more difficult and uncertain in the collection — This appeal had been but very partially effectual — many having either declined positively or assented so reluctantly, or waited it so pitifully as clearly to evince the very slight or absolute want of interest in the object — and an utter insensibility to the important benefits which the labors of the Venerable Pastor of the Bethel has been conferring on them, in their pecuniary interests by his good influence on the men to whose fidelity and skill and enterprise their Ships and

voyages are entrusted — which is absolutely disgraceful to their intelligence as well as a reproach to their humanity — Some interesting and indignant remarks were elicited by this exposition of the feelings of our Countrymen from James Arnold and J. H. N. Page — and a Resolution to raise and authorise a committee to Dissolve the Society and dispose of the property, and after Paying the Debts, distribute the balance in the ratio of their Contributions among the Donors of the fund with which they were Procured. — This resolution the meeting was not prepared to adopt and a Com.e was appointed to which the Report was referred to report at the next Qut. M.g. of the Board — At the Close of the M.g — I returned to the Office and Spent some hour or two in Adjusting my monthly accounts.

1st Day Attended Friends meeting, called after the first with ma Cheer H. and Sue & Ellen at Matthew Howlands — they have been with me to M.g — Spent the rem.r of the day at home

— There were two alarms of fire one about 9 o'Clk. W. H. Swains Oil works having caught fire inside from the dripping of Oil upon the Stove — it was quelled before it got through the building to any great extent — but the damage will be considerable in Stock and buildings — The 2.cond proceeded from incendiary attempts to set fire to the buildings and lumber yard of William Wilcox — about

9 O'clk in the evg — The fire being put to a mass of Shavings put for the purpose between one of the buildings and a pile of Clapboards on the east side was very soon discovered and thus a great Conflagration was avoided — A third alarm I hear was given in the north part of the town proceeding from an attempt to set fire to the Howard House so called — but being early discovered there was but little damage sustained, had it got fairly under way the consequence might have been dreadful in the peril of Life — there being many families of the poorer classes in the building — A man of disgraced character named Benj. Dewol has been arrested on suspicion of his laying the incendiary — I called at Pitman's in the evg to get a bible for Thos to take with him to Cambridge. whither he expects to return tomorrow Mg. 2d day 4th — We had an early breakfast. acc. to Mo. Departure at 7 O'clk I parted with him at the Depot — and then attended to my Cg House duties throughout the day. in the evg I went to a meeting of the com. of the Ex. B. of the Port Soc. at W H Taylor's Office, and afterward returned to the Cg House to prepare my acct of my late guardianship of Delia C Tabor for presentation [illegible] at the mg of Bank Directors in the m

to morrow at the Probate Court which detained me till very late

3d. day 5th. Spent most of the forenoon in relation to my Acct. for the Probate Ct. but, found on calling with it at Mary Tabers for Delia's Donation, I found that she was out of Town, so that the delivery of it as proposed could not be made at this Session of the Court Occupied at home & at the Q. House after dining, and went to the Lyceum Lecture in the Evg from the Stove, it was by Chs. T. Congdon on the modern literature, and showed a pretty correct estimate of its character, ably and fluently Stated On returning home found D. Read's wife — Thos. D. joined us later and two or three of the young fellows came home with Ed & Mary from the lecture

4th. day 6th Occupied at the Q. House the most of the day. Eve. at home. Called at Mothers in the forenoon and gave some attention to removing some of the earth from the Site of her Carriage House on Wm. St. now in process of Construction to a plan of business for B. T. Congdon an addition being put in front to bring it to the line of the Street

5th day 7th Went to the Q. Room in the forenoon — and there to the Quarterly Mg. of Friends — which was large interesting

18 Lindley M Hoag of New Hampshire &
Charles Coffin were very acceptable
in their Gospel Services — The former
is a young man of superior talents and
great natural eloquence, the latter
is an old man but full of Christian
Zeal and Gospel love — I came home
to dinner at the close of the mg. for wor-
ship, and then returned to sit the meet-
ing for business — It closed about 4 O.
Clock when I went to the Cg. House &
finished the afternoon, home to the
monthly mg. the Temp. Comtee which
nearly finished the day
6th day & I Gave some attention to
the Temperance Cause and devoted
the rem. of the day to business at the
Cg. House &c — went in the eg. to a
meeting appointed for Lindley Hoag
which was large — He preached at great
length and with eloquence — but rather
too doctrinal for my taste and therein a de-
parture from the former style of Friends
Sermons — Our little Ellen had a party
of her little friends at tea — and Benj.
Hotch and Journal of the families of
visitants called in the course of the eve.
the latter to see the little folkes home
7th day I Occupied at the Cg. House this
day. and in the eg went to a family
party at Mothers in celebration of
the 86th anniversary of her birth — She

seems as bright and well as for some
years past — M. H Ruggles and wife &
Mary were there — and the eg. passed
pleasantly but some part rather too swiftly
fully by some of the party best to accord
with the occasion —
1st day 10 — attended meeting at Friends
place of worship — with ma chen th. See
& Ellen — with the two latter I called at
Aunt Mary's at the close of the 1st mg. and
there met Sister Lydia, her husband & Mary
who had called there on their way home
— Sister L. was quite unwell with a
severe cold which I fear will be increased
by her ride & though in a close
carriage from to Fall River — at the
close of the 2d mg. I called at mothers
with little Ellen her grandmother having
invited her with C M Morgans little girls
to tea who were not of the party yesterday — after tea I went to hear
an Anti Slavery lecture by C. C. Burleigh — the 2d of a series of a considerable number which he expects to
deliver — He was very able in argument and eloquent in language
showing the relation of the System
of Slavery with the Church as well
as genuine Christianity — Liberty Hall
where the lecture was held was well
filled

1st day 11th — walked to the S.M. part of the Town before breakfast after brek. Sat came some time with Thos. H. Gyude to business connected with the Port Society thence to the C.H. the after dinner again thither and in the evg. at a mtg. of the Com.e of the Port Society and at its close I went to the 3 lecture by C.C. Burleigh — which was on the Subjects of Slavery as it relates to our Republican institutions and boasted democracy — The lecture was at the Universalist Mtg. House and tolerably large though the Colored people made up half of the congregation — The prevailing prejudice keeps the mass of the respectable people away from these able and powerful expositions of the enormous wrongs comm. by the boasted Champions of Freedom on the victims of Southern Tyranny — Called at Mothers to day to take leave of my niece Eliz.h Fisher who left this afternoon with C. W. Seay on to return home

Hogs slaughtered

3.d day 12.th Attended to my business at the C.H. &c &c together with some attention to the business of putting up the extra Sashes to our green House and some of the other windows in the W.G. went to the Lyceum and heard Mr. Giles lecture on O'Connell and the

Irish speakers. it was interesting and eloquent but rather declamatory and the fault of his manner is excess of excitement. The day 13th devoted the morng & forenoon to business objects — and Dined at A. Roberson's with Chs C & his brother Cyrus Burleigh and Spent the afternoon with them there — There considerable singularity about Chs & both he & his brother have too much mind to be led by others against their own convictions of what is right — The elder is particularly rebellious to prescription in the modest kind of dress & manners — the younger will pass in these respects without exciting attention which the other cannot — rather more attention on the part of the elder to the little matters of detail which are associated with fashion & refinement would make him more acceptable in private to many and perhaps gain with them a freer opening to his masterly logic and Commanding Eloquence on the subject of Slavery by counteracting the prejudice which now keeps so many out of the reach of its influence — Went to the Store late in the afternoon and at the Lecture room went again to hear at the North baptist Mtg. House another of his masterly efforts — The audience was very respectable in number — but probably less than it would have been but for the coldness of the weather

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5th Day 13 — Attended to my Concerns in the Mtg. and called to invite the Burleighs and Th. & Lydia Green to dine with us — the former only accepted called at Mothers — and Uncle Wm & Sister Anna — went to Frds. Mtg. and after it to the Cg Hse — Spent most of the afternoon with our anti Slavery friends who made us an entertaining visit — On their departure went to the Cg House and remained there till the Lecture hour — which C C B delivered in the Universalist House of worship — the Lecture was a powerful argument to show the illegality of Slavery under the U. States & the S. States Constitutions — relieved by bursts of great eloquence and enlivened by graphic illustrations —

6th day 15th Occupied in the forenoon somewhat in relation to the Cause of Seamen much of the afternoon spent at Mary Tabers in relation to the interests of my late & present guardianship. afterward at the Cg. house which I left at 6 hr C CB to meet the Comtee of the Port Society — previous to the Daily Mtg. of the Board — at the close of its business I went with several of the members to the Baptist Mtg. Hse on Middle St. to hear the latter part of C. C. Burleighs Lecture on Slavery — The House was well filled and all I believe delighted with the Strength

of reasoning and power of eloquence with he establishes his positions. of the title of the Slave to immediate and unconditional freedom without compensation may also their perfect right not only to this but to large compensation for the wages of the past years which has been fraudulently withheld from them —

7th day 16th — At the Cg House in the forenoon and in the afternoon at Mary Talcots [not yesterday afternoon as stated] latter part at the Cg House day till 5 O.Clk when I went with C.C. Burleigh Wm. Coffin Anna Maria & Mary Bailey to Nattapoisett to be at the lecture appointed there for C.C.B. — The Weather to day has been raining — and unpleasant & walking very bad the Lecturer was not confidently expected so that the House was not lighted on our arrival — This was however soon done and the hall rung — but the audience was small and composed of men with one exception save our female companions — The Lecturer was able and the people solicitous to have an opportunity of hearing him again — On getting in Town I stopped at Water St. to deposite my books in their usual place of safety for the night, not having time to do it when the Carriage called for me at the Cg House

1st Day 17th I went both forenoon & afternoon to the meeting at Liberty Hall

to hear the masterly Expositions of our friend Burleigh of the relations in which the people of the Northern States stand in reg and to Slavery. The weather being rainy in the Mg. the first Mg. thought well attended was not crowded — as it was in the afternoon, and in the Ev the large Baptist House on Purchase St was densely filled probably about 1500 people there. I called at Mothers after breakfast and again at the close of the 2d Mg — She was quite unwell yesterday and continues somewhat so but better

22 day 18th Attended to my Concerns at the Cg. House &c Called at Jno. Bailey's after dinner to see C.C. Burleigh & again at 5 Oclk. to accompany him to my mothers where he was engaged to take tea — J. Berry was there at tea with us — Liberty Hall was well filled in the ev. to hear his Concluding lecture which was very able and interesting — Indeed he will leave this place with a very high reputation as a most powerful reasoner, as fair and candid, as able and eloquent — He is fairly entitled to rank among the most distinguished and effective public Speakers of the land, as far as my experience qualifies me to judge. I trust that his labors will produce a

change in public sentiment on the subject of the Anti Slavery movements more in accordance with the truth than that which has heretofore characterized our Citizens. in common with those of many other, or nearly all other places in these U. States

3. day 19th Devoted myself to my business at the C.J. House & through the day & part of the ev'g — Lec'r. in season to hear a part of Giles' lecture on Shakespeare's Falstaff — The Lyceum was well attended — but the subject had small attraction for me and contrasted strangely with the deep interest with which Burleigh's extemporaneous eloquence and demonstrative logic gave to his momentous subject

4th day 20th Devoted myself at the C.J. House to stating my acc't with the House on Allen St. w'ch I built for James Gifford and have held since his decease for the benefit of his widow — at which I worked till very late in the ev'g

5th day 21 Went to the C.J. House before breakfast to finish my acc't and spent the forenoon except the M.J. hours in business relating to that Concern — I had attempted a conversation on day last week with Geo. Howland respecting the completion of Water St. to my line w'ch could have been made passable without any cost to him if he would have permitted it — but I only got abusive treatment and a repetition of his assertion volunteered some months

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since that he should not finish it till it could go through Snells hot as the work — I told him that he would violate his written agreement, which is quite explicit in its provisions — but he would not talk calmly or reason at all on the subject — but satisfied himself with abusing me for my part injurious reflections on his conduct when he denied me the way to my wharf lot which was clearly implied as I thought in our former joint proceedings in relation to the street, which his present course in violating his written contract afforded me certainly no grounds to retract —

Our Frank has been confined these 3 days under Dr Reads care with decided symptoms of measles he was unwell several days before, but with no suspicions as to the real cause — Dr R. thinks he must have taken it from Thos on his return from Cambridge though we had no idea that it could then be communicated — he is better to day — the eruption which has been very thick and general is now rather abating — his eyes were very weak so that his room was kept pretty dark yesterday, but to day they are less so — and he has less fever and is more cheerful — he will probably be confined several days longer & from him we may expect the other children to take it

6th Day 22. — Occupied during C.G. Hs hours 94 and in the W.J. with my accounts relating to the house & lot which I provided for the late James Gifford in 1828 — to ascertain for the satisfaction of the widow how the investment now stands in debt to me — Gave some attention to additional Warm.g. apparatus for our 2d Story Chambers for occasional use and decided on trying one of Orr's patent Air tight Stoves, which is only an enlargement of the old box Sheet Iron Stove the opening for the fuel & the admission of air being more perfect in its adjustment and placed about a foot above the bottom of the Stove say about the Centre of the line of elevation — Its size and the position & nice adjustment of the Openings enables the complete Control of the Combustion however abundant may be the supply of fuel, and dispenses with the inconvenient appendage of the pipe — a short piece to enter a fire board or the Chimney throat (as in my case) being only required Our Francis' disease seems passing off favorably — the eruption subsiding — Scales at most places — On return.g. in the e.v.g. I adjusted two Chimneys or tube glasses to our astral lamp with a view of increasing the light by admitting a more rapid current of air to the wick

7th Day 23 At home before breakfast, attended to putting up the Stove mentioned in the note of yesterday — afternoon at the C.G. Hse — Spent the latter part of the afternoon in fruitless endeav-

to secure part of the money due from George Moore for rent of the J. Gifford house, and to put in proper hands for delivery to George Howland a notification that I considered myself released by his failure to fulfil the Condition on his part of our agreement of 8th mo. 1842 from my concessions therein relative to the position of the S.ly line of my Wharf lot & Calling upon him to remove the wall which he has built within his own legal limits — Spent the evg. at the Cg. House 1st day 24th — Attended Meeting at Friends House of Worship AM & PM — evg and the day with the above exception at home — Sister & the Children except Frank who is yet in the nursery through which better than at the Episcopal Church — which is now in its Christmas dress — in which it was last evg. I tend to a very crowded audience — most of whom were drawn by curiosity to see the evergreen decorations &c —

2d. day 25 — Attended to some calls & business in the morng — went to hear the Christmas Service at the Episcopal Church — Mr. Snow of Taunton officiating who by invitation is our guest. — Mr. Lambert & Mary Dunton dining also with us, the latter spent the day & evg with us — Mr. S. and Mr. L left us after dinner to call on some of their Church friends — Ed & Mary & little Ellen were

at a party at Jos. Grinnells in the evg 196
given by Cornelia & Miss Olly in the absence
of Jos & Sarah — at Flatbush — Ellen
returned at an early hour but the other
Children were late — A Christmas tree
hung with presents for the guests was a
novelty of the occasion and it seems to
have been a very pleasant time
2d day 26th — At home till the middle
of the forenoon with Mr Snow who offi-
ciated at the Devotional exercises of
last evg & this M — he left us about 10½
Oclk when I went to with Sister The-
be & the Children (Girls) down Street to at-
tend the Fair got up by the Female Ben-
ingtonian Society — but found that it was
not to be open till 2 Oclk. I then called
at Brothers and went to the Cg. House —
after dinner went again with Sister
P L and Ellen and spent an hour at
the Fair — The object of the Soc. Com-
mending itself warmly to the good feel-
ings of the Public, this success thus
far has been Satisfactory to themselves
— after leaving the Hall (in the old Market)
I went to Brothers and to the Cg. House
where I remained till between 7 & 8 Oclk &
then went to hear the last half of Giles'
lecture at the Lyceum — Subject, Gold-
Smith and interestingly treated
4th day 27 devoted this Stormy day to the pre-
paratory process for verifying my acct Books
had no calls at the Cg. House to interrupt

my labors which were continued till the middle Stage of the evg — took my breakfast before & my supper after the rest of the family. Edmund is unwell with weakness of Eyes and Stricture at the Chest — which makes us apprehend that he is coming down with measles. Frank is pretty well but yet in the house —

6th. day 28th — I have been employed at the Cg. House with closed doors through the day and Evgs by which means I made considerable progress in my Fleet ledger — Ina chen H. gave me the means of taking my evg. meal seasonably by myself while prosecuting my business — Edmund still unwell — Symptoms yet equivocal — The pursuit of my engagements made me forgo the attendance of the Monthly Mtg. of Friends — The disciplinary part has not much interest — but the Devotional observance I think Salutary

1st. Day 29 Pursued my job at the Cg. House till about noon when my Fleet ledger was made to the latest entries in the Journal, then went out to try to secure a debt for rent of the House which I hold for the widow Gifford — and succeeded, after some indication of a determination not to be cheated out of it without recourse to the law, to the extent that I the Circumstances of Man will warrant look to his acknowledgement of the debt — to be paid in the Spring — availed of the kindness of

my old Fd Capt. Grinnell for the convenience for effecting the arrangement by proper writings, — the Man being at work in that vicinity — Thus proceedings brot me late as Dinner — after which I executed a conv.ce at a Dry good shop for remembrances of ma chen tty on the coming New Years day, and then repaired to the Cg House — where I was soon followed by Percy Jenkins and detained till night in relation to the affr. between him & his mother in Law Mary Taber — after he retired I devoted the remr. of the evg till a late hour to my books preparing for the trial balance 4th Day 30th — hurried my business at the Cg House chiefly in adjusting my accr. with the "Gifford House" till evg — when the work with my books was resumed & contin. till a late hour — Called at mothers — Edmund 5th Day 1 to day mostly in Bed quite ill with measles — but the eruption not yet apparent. I lodge in the Nursery to give the requisite attention in the night
1st Day 31st Attended Frds Meetings, called at mothers, and for my Meteorological book at the Cg House to be prepared for the notes of the New Year — my leisure mostly spent at home, put up the new (air tight) Stove in Sisters & Mary's room the latter with Ellen & Jane somewhat unwell these few days — perhaps in the early Stage of the measles — Sister too has a cold — so that I was the only one of the family present at mg. to day

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Edmund Quite Sick in bed — some appearance of the eruption coming out

2. day 1 Mo. 1. 1844 — My business cares occupied me most of the day in visiting at home and at the C.G. House. made Several visits to Edmund Moon who seems quite ill to day — the eruption on the Skin is very thick in his face and person. considerable fever and Nausea and total prostration of muscular energy — faintness coming on when he leaves his bed for a minute or two — the disease in his case has quite a severe type — I was at Mothers Several times in the day, and after getting through my writing in the C.G. Ho I called to See my Uncle Wm & wife, and was at Aunt Mary's — but She has been too much unwell to See her friends to day — The Catarrhal affection which has troubled her for a year past being worse than usual to day. I was at Andrews a few minutes and after bidding my Aunts I Spent nearly an hour at Br Williams — The day has been very fine for making New year's Calls — and I believe has been very considerably improved in that way — And Chas H Said very few of those who Called at the door — Edm'd signing to secure attention, Mary in Red & others drooping that there was no time for the Social pleasures appropriate to the Season, beyond the domestic circle — But it has been a day of much excitement, in giving & receiving presents among

the young folkes, and we three H & Sister have had their portions in sending out & taking in tokens of love and remembrances — The year opens upon us under rather adverse circumstances — But may it be improved by calling home and centering within the thoughts, & upon, the serious realities of life — from which they are too apt at all times to be estranged, — and thus conduce more effectually to that happiness throughout its course — The wishes for which are so cheerfully tendered and responded to on this regarded epoch — and tend to accomplish that Moral & Religious discipline, which is the grand object of this stage of being, and the condition of our enjoying at its close the reward of the divine benediction, and an admission to the unfailing joys of Heaven when our days on earth are fully numbered. Oh may no false estimate of the unreal and fleeting pleasures of sense or sin. Cheat us out of this unfeeble inheritance.

3 day 2 — Edm. had a pretty sick night but I think the latter part of it indicated the turning point of his disease — and today he has been better, the eruption beginning to abate and much less general prostration than yesterday — Mary & Ellen confined to their room or the nursery — the former much affected and most of the time on the Bed — Ellen Susan, whose sympa-

have been equivocal, add another decisive Case of the disease to the list, so that our home has quite the Character of a hospital — I have been occupied with the Estate & Rotch Whg. & my own accounts through the day & the early hours of the m.g. —

4th day 3 — Of our Invalids Edmund seems decidedly better — Mary more unwell the eruption very full in her face and elsewhere Ellen is in the next earlier stage and Susan the least advanced. all in Bed — we procured a Small Olmstead Stove and put it up in my wifes room into which the two little girls were removed — which makes as convenient an arrangement as could be devised — At night I continue the care of Edm. in the Nursery — my wife attends to Susan in her bed & Ellen in her cradle led by her side while Sister Phebe takes Care of Mary — A good deal of my time has been spent at home to day to promote the comfort of the sick & their attendants, so that I did not get to the Cg. House at my business till after dark — Called in the assistance of Francis who is well again though he has not been out to prepare and despatch the Notices for the Temp.ce Mg. tomorrow ec — I remained at the Cg. House till near 10 the pressing exigency of my business in balancing my books & requiring all the time that I can spare

from the duties of an imperative character at home

5th Day PM — Our Invalids are doing pretty well — Edmund sat up some portion of the day the others continue quite sick — Mary's case is I hope near the Crisis, and Ellen's not far from it — She being very much broken out — both very feverish — Sue suffers much with the Cough, as has Mary — The paroxisms are long but not very violent in Sue's case — the Cutaneous eruption has not yet appeared, when it does which I hope will be tomorrow I hope the Cough will be less severe — She was troubled late in the eg with pain in her left eye — I spent most of the day at the Cg. House, — going to the Temp.ce soc. at 7 in the eg — and return[d] for an hour & a half after its close — I called yesterday on business at my Aunt Mary's and was pleased to find her much better than on New Years day — occupied as usual in the parlor — Called at Mothers as is my gen.l practice — She is well and cheerful in her green old age —

6th day 5th. Our Children are improving. Edmund sat up most of the day. The others yet confined to their beds but Excepting Susan I think have passed the crisis of the disease — in her case the Cutaneous eruption has not appeared & her cough continues troublesome — So far Mary next & Edm.d has had the disease with most severity — Called at mothers. and found

her preparing to make a visit at Bro^r Benj^a Jones, though the weather is very cold — I passed the time that I could spare from home at the Cg House till between 7 & 8 Clk when I purposed stopping to hear Mr Colton's lecture on the American Aborigines supposing it to be at the usual place of the Ly Lyceum lectures & I was not undeceived till some time after I had taken my seat pretty far forward and as it proved on the side appropriated to the women — It proved to be a Millerite Meeting — The house was pretty well filled but I only recognized among the number Capt. Jo^s Bates except a few on entering who came from accident like myself or curiosity — The exhortations were of a very impassioned and in one instance quite of a fanatical character if all might not be so classed, in the case particularly alluded to after a long discourse and an extensive collation of passages from Isaiah, Daniel & the Revelation of the Apostle John, by which he said that he had proved the truth of the 2^d Advent doctrines, though it carried no evidence to my mind he wound up with special addresses to the Saints the penitent, the Luke Warm & Careless and the Scoffers which were in part attended with a phrenzied of excitement which partially drowned his utterance and seemed

too much for his slender physical frame — I could ill spare the time but not liking to retire lest it Sh.d seem disrespectful to the audience as the cause of my coming there could not be known — after the services were mainly over — though some of the more zealous remained later I went to gain some information from Capt.n Cushman for C. C. Stewart one great object of my leaving the Cg. Hse. so when I did. but I was disappointed in not finding him at home.

7th day 6th The short morning and extra domestic cares incidental to the invalid state of the family prevented my getting to the Cg. House after having an interview with Capt. Cushman and calling at Mothers till 11 Oclk — there occupied with a short interval for dinner till rather late in the ev.g — The Children continue convalescent, unless Susan is an exception — The emption scarcely yet appears — & fever & cough not yet materially abated — Edmund up most of the day, amusing himself with drawg. in imitation of some of Audubon's birds — The girls all in bed

1st day 7th Attended mtgs. as usual — The Children all improving except Susan who has had a very sick day so that we had a second visit from Dr Read at Evg — He thought that the disease was approaching the crisis. and that she would be better tomorrow — Her late feeble health, for the past year made us anxious for her safety — lest the attack sh.d be too much for her constitution

to contend successfully against — I spent the interval between meetings principally in her room — her sweet temper and gentle spirit at all times, excites the tenderest sympathy for her in sickness and pain. — My reading to day has been in the Vol. of the late Dr. Follen's Sermons — (whose beautiful illustrations of the Christian System are very edifying and refreshing to my mind. — That system which is imperfectly understood through the object of such multitudes of enquirers, since it was first promulgated to a bewildered world, by its Celestial author in language so clear and simple, and illustrated practically by a life so heavenly, and corroborated by the teachings and the examples of the early disciples & their followers, that to the candid enquirer it must seem matter of Astonishment that it has so yet little influence on the inhabitants of the earth — Can it be otherwise explained than that its professed converts and professors, are so blinded by the objects of time & sense that they cannot discern, and therefore do not practice, its sublime but simple lesson, the universal brotherhood of man — and that one is their father even God — who has placed them, that by the processes of intellectual & moral & religious discipline for which the elements are arranged with the most consummate Wisdom and beneficence they may be prepared for a nearer union with the father of Spirits and Creator of all things

in another State of being to which we are
hastening.
2. day 8th Our dear Susan has been much
better to day as was anticipated. the disease
having attained to its height last night. so
that She has been comparatively comfortable
to day. The others are doing well and for
a portion of the day were all together lookg
quite comfortable in the nursery. May
had a visit from Edith Perry this afternoon
the first of her acquaintances whom She
has seen since her confinement. — Edw
has been less cheerful than usual in con-
sequence of pain in a tooth. — I went
to the Cy. House about 10½ O'clk and re-
mained there till Sunset — taking a slight
luncheon which I had at hand and post-
poning my dinner till the usual tea hour
— This I did because I wished for the aid
of Francis in comparing my ledger for the
past year with the Sheet which I have
just made for its verification — at which
comparison we were employed in the ev-
— Called at Mothers and found her comfort-
able — This is the regular day for the Leg.
Mtg. of the Pocasset Mfg. Cy. — But for
some reason it was postponed by notifi-
cation from the Agent till Specially
Called
3. day 9th Our children continue convalescent
I was — at the Organizing Meeting of the Board of Trus-
tees of the Institution for Savings — in the forenoon and

in the afternoon at the Ann. Mtg. of the Bristol County Mutual Fire Ins. Co. — It was of more than ordinary interest from the fact that the great fire at Fall River had left a balance of about $8000 of the assessment unappropriated — and a strong effort was made by some of our citizens to order a return of the excess to the contributors instead of investing it as a fund for future losses as proposed in the report of the Directors — The excess was shown to be entirely accidental — arising from the vacation of a few of the policies by the acts of the Insured which was not known and therefore could not be taken into the calculation of the Directors — The fact that but for this contingency there would not have been a surplus of more than 100 Dollars, is a striking exemplification of the sound judgment of the Board in this instance — when it is considered that the am't of property ins'd amounts to 4.000.000 Dollars — a fund of this am't about 1/5 of one per cent cannot be deemed excessive to prevent the expense of assessments for small losses, which when it is considered that the number of persons holding policies and therefore members of the company was stated to be between 3 & 4 thousand, must of necessity be attended with much trouble and expense — Many had come with the determination to carry the order for distribution to which purpose they adhered notwithstanding the very cogent reasons urged against it — and lent for the pro-

vision of the Constitution that each policy should entitle its holder to one vote, they would have succeeded in their object — Luckily thus saved the Institution from a most disastrous blow to its credit and usefulness — With the exception of the time taken up at these meetings I was engaged at home comparing with the aid of my son Francis my ledger entries for the past year with the Shut prepared for its verification — And thus I was detained ~~th day to~~ 11th from the hearing of Mr. Pierpont's lecture before the Lyceum on Athens

14th day 10th Gave my attention to my accounts at the Ch. House through the day — but not having made great progress in the adjustment of the books owing to the Shortness of the days and the usual interruptions I brot. my books to the house and continued my labors — in the ev — The invalids are doing pretty well but they recover slowly — Mary has an affection of the throat which retards her restoration

5th day 11th Spent my time in domestic care & in attention to my books principally — made an errand to Jacobs & the Stove dealers to gain information and get some improvement to Jacobs Cooking apparatus to avoid the Steam which was annoying — his little girl having the measles — and to get our small Stove repaired to warm Ed.d Frances room — in anticipation of their leaving the Nursery where they have slept during their sickness — I called at my Cousin Lydia Russells to see Mr. Mrs Pierpont who are their guests

and went in the eve to hear his Second lecture on Anti Slavery which was delivered at the Universalist Meg. House to gather a small audience — but it was a very interesting discourse, and well sustained the propriety of Political as well as other modes of moral action — of Electing men to office who should be guided by what is Right never fearing that this will be inexpedient. —— Our Son Tho^s arr. from Cambridge this eve and took us rather by surprise — as we did not expect him till tomorrow. he seems very well.

6th day 12th After some labor on my accounts at home I availed myself of a little Sleighing excursion by Thomas and Frank the weather being mild (F. not having been before from the house since his illness) to send my Books to their usual depository near my Office — and followed them at my convenience on foot Making some Calls on the way — I then remained employed chiefly in the work of preparing for my general balancing of the current accounts till eve — taking a luncheon and postponing my dinner till the tea hour — Georgiana Riddell who was on a call to Mary staid to tea and having again brot my books home. I continued the work upon them till quite late.

7th day 13th Occupied all day at home making the trial balance of the ledger &c.

did not finish though I worked till mid-
night —
1st day 14th Attended meetings as usual
at Friends house of Worship — and spent
the rem: of the day at home finishing in reading
the rem: of the Vol. of D. Follen's Sermons
— On the whole I have been much interested
and instructed by their perusal — In the
eve I took it to my mothers where I had
borrowed it, and read one of them to her —
— Then met Dan. Jones who came from
Boston to spend the day at Andrews — Chs
Randall & John Hussey called to see Edm.
who took a short walk to day in the open
air
2d day 15th — went to Fall River to attend
the Ludy. Mg. of the Pocasset Manf. Co —
went with my brother Benj. in his buggy
from his house, my own taking me thith
and home — had a satisfactory meet-
ing — and dined with the other members
of the Co present at N. H. Ringles —
— ordered the erection of a range of Gran-
ite stores on the Street where the Mill was
destroyed — and measures to be taken to-
wards the erection of the large Manf.
75 by 200 ft to cover the Site of the pres-
ent Sattinet Mill and use the Power
which has hereto fore been applied to
that and the Bridge Mill — The Pocasset
Manf and the Pocasset House are now
almost the only monuments which than

the ruin of the Conflagration — Substantial ranges of Building having risen in lieu of those which were destroyed on Main Street & much been done in this public Street to restore the dwelling houses which were destroyed — Had a very pleasant visit at Sister L's and got home a little after dark when I applied myself again to my work of verifying & rectifying my books

3d day 19th — Devoted the day to my balance Sheet & had the disappointment to find it did not come out right requiring further labor — went to the G. House in the eve to get Some bone dust for prosecuting another part of the work now near by

4th day 17th Remained at home through the day at work on my accounts — The weather Stormy — We did not hear from Mr Hunt from without — Dr Reed called in the eve — to enquire after his late Patients — found all better — The swelling on the right side of Mary's neck he thinks will disappear shortly it being as he thinks a temporary enlargement of one of the Glands —

5th day 18th Busily engaged at home through the day & eve. investigating the Causes of the disagreement of the D & C Columns of my trial balance Sheet — This is the 20th anniversary of our Mary & Edmunds birth — No particular observance

war had of the day — This time has passed indicating the changes of this mortal state — the helpless infants have attained the stature of men & women — would that they also attain the wisdom that belongs to maturity of years — in their mental & moral developement. For which, without neglecting the advantages of social life they must draw their chief nourishment from that inspiration which is found within — from consulting the native springs of knowledge which are found in quiet thought and sober reflection on our life in its variety of circumstances and accompaniments, its origin object and end — by carefully heeding the teachings of nature and revelation, and faithfully acting without fear or favor, on the convictions which are thus acquired or impressed — There are many unfavorable influences operating in our particular social relations — but this is the common allotment: One of the indispensable elements of progress in virtue. Where there are no trials there can be no triumphs, where there are no enemies there can be no conquests — It remains however true that our chief enemies are those of our own houses, our own hearts — and those without can have little power except as they act in concert — in league with those within. And in as much as we have a sure defence against these in that Grace which is freely offered to all mankind & which is held up in its

just preminence in the teachings of Christ and his Apostles — we certainly have no Cause of discouragement, but the indubitable assurance of success if we pursue with fidelity of purpose the Path which is made luminous by its heavenly light — May we and our Children be so true & true to ourselves as not to deviate wide by from this Only Path of Safety & happiness. — I should have attended the Religious meeting of Friends to day — as one of the means which my early training taught and which my own reflections through life have sometimes approved, of maintaining the integrity of our Spiritual Vision, — but that the protracted labor of my present engagement necessarily almost postponed the equitable Claims of Others for a liquidation of their annual accounts, which appeared to justify, if it did not enjoin such a devotion of my time to this object, as my circumstances would allow — several persons called on the Children — and Sister Elder took tea with us

6th day 19th Continued my labors on my accounts, and had the Satisfaction this evening of making a complete balance of the D. & C. items of the past year and by a minuteness of investigation which precludes almost the possibility of error in my Books for that period — We took a long walk with two of his young

friends this afternoon (at the "Round Hills" on Smiths Neck) from which he did not get home till after dark — He then went to an evg party at Geo. Hussey's.

7th day 20th Went to the Cg Rooms with May books before breakfast — but Spent most of the day at home, examining the Shop accounts of last year presented for payment, and paying the same, as far as time and oppy would permit — In the evg made a call at Cousin J. Hunt's to see the female of the family — Cousin J being one of the Govr's Council is mostly in Boston — he however attends to Spend 1st day at home and is now in town but I did not see him — I had a pleasant call — one which my engagement have just joined since Newyearsday

1st day 21st Attended Meetings as usual — a little delayed in the forenoon by means necessary for avoiding injury to the pump frozen by the cold of last night — and in the afternoon by giving audience and ministering to the necessities of a poor indigent Weather beaten — Rum worn Sailor — In the evg. I went with Sister P to the Episcopal Church and afterward to see my mother whom my engagements have prevented from Seeing for Several days — She is suffering Some inconvenience from a Rheumatic affection of the back — our brother W. and Charles arr'd. to day from Philadelphia.

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2d day 22d. Devoted the day to my business duties which had been partially postponed by the minute and protracted process of verifying my books — in the forenoon, afternoon and eve. balancing the accounts of the ledger preparatory to putting it into the binder's hands to repair the injury resulting from occasional falls from the desk since it has been in use now about 19 years — eve. continued as home the same work

3d day 23d — prepared my ledger and delivered it at the bindery in the forenoon — then to the Cg House, and thence to Fairhaven to see Miss Grapner in relation to her giving music lessons to Mary — Afternoon at the Cg. House towards eve. but principally arranging the balances of the ledger to prove or correct the General balance as inferred by any plan of the Journal on every page — Mr. Lambert was with us at tea & Mr. Chace & H. Thos. & self were at Coll. Mason's in the eve. with a party of the Fam'y & a few others — A Robeson & wife were expected but the state of the weather made them forego the engage. — had it been otherwise we should not have been there — on acct. their fears lest they might from us com. the disease which has recently been through our family to their infants —

4th day 24th Contin. my work on my balance sheet most of the forenoon — then resumed to the Cg. House for a short time —

and devoted the afternoon and ev.- or the latter part of it, to the Rotch Wharf & Estate Books — attended the lecture given at the Lyceum by Geo. Bancroft, on the Spirit of the age — which was very philosophical as well as poetical, as it appeared to me - and therefore highly interesting — I lost the first part by the necessity of going to the Store after tea to secure my books for the night — Judge Prescott spent half an hour with us at the close of the lecture — as did also Ch. Randall — Ma. Chace H. was at the lecture — but less pleased with it than I was, though indicating much genius — Ed. & Thos. were also there. Miss Grampenon gave her 5th. lesson 5th day 26th. Occupied at home in the Mg & did not go to the Ch. House before dinner — attended Mg — which was the monthly Mg for discipline — The London Gen. Epistle was read — on which I took occasion to remark on the difference in the practice of Friends in Great Britain & this Country in relation to Slavery — there they are shown themselves active and ready to act and do act independently and in union with others for the suppression of the enormous traffic and the abolition of Slavery — remote as they are from the scenes of its accumulated wrongs — while here they show to a very great extent and practically in New England a practical dereliction of

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of this great subject though our own Government gives its sanction and support and derives a direct income from the horrible system — and I thought it worthy of consideration whether this practical abandonment of this great department of Philanthropy in which the Soc. had formerly been prominent was not the cause of the disaffection which had been this day the occasion of an exercise of discipline in the case of Anna Maria Bailey and whether the disaffection from the same causes if continued would not spread and be the means of making further inroads within our borders.

Afternoon at the Cg. House when I remained till near the close of the Cg — in an examination of my books to find the cause of a discrepancy between the Bal.ce Gen.l of my Cash.r as entered page by page in the Journal and that derived from the actual balances in the Ledgers — The investigation though not successful in the object in view, disclosed the omission of two balances as taken in the examination of last year which accounts for the apparent error or discrepancy of the former period over which the examination of 12/8 1842 extended. viz nearly 3½ years and reduced that discrepancy to the trifling am.t of Eleven Cents

6th day 26 Occupied at home through the day in examining the outer columns of my Business Journal to find the Cause of the discrepancy of the Balance general as there shown, and as found by summing up the Balances of Personal and Cash accounts from the Ledger — but without success — two small errors only being discovered in placing the sums in the respective columns which did not lessen the difference — Went to the C.J House towards night to secure my lamps from the frost in the present very cold weather — and afterwards extended my Walk some distance to the northward to enjoy the air and exercise — called a moment at Mothers on my homeward route by the Post Office — Walter Mitchell dined with us to day —

7th day 27th Continued my investigations in the hope of finding the Cause of the disagreement of the Balance General of my accounts as inferred from the Journal & Ledger but without success — went about noon to Brigham the dentist with our little girls Ellen having been much troubled of late with pain in her teeth — but when there her courage failed and no attempt was made to extract the defective tooth — I then went & gave some attention to the business at the Oil Works — Afternoon devoted to transferring the balances in balances in the Ledger to the new ones and towards eve to the Oil Works to endeavor

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to suspend an astral lamp to aid the men in their night work — but from the imperfect state of the lamp did not succeed — Exercise to another version of the money columns of the Journal but without discovering any error — Geo. Riddell with us at tea

1st Day 28th Attended Mtgs as usual — Mercy Ann H. & Eliza in the forenoon & Thos. at both Mtgs. with me — Read in Caroline Fry's volume "Christ our Example" — with the chapter on our intercourse with the world I was much interested — with her doctrinal views I do not so much sympathize — in the latter part of the eve I called to see Mother — who keeps pretty well during this cold weather — Our Bay as well as harbor is mostly covered with Ice, fields floating — little Ellen trowsered again with her tech

2d day 29th Employed part of the forenoon in making note of the result of my investigations on the Journal and the Sheet ledger — Then repaired to C.J. Coon with my books — and remained till eve. — When I came home to meet a small company whom Ma Chase H had invited to take tea with us — Mr. & Mrs. Brame, Miss Bryan Thos & Lydia Green Sarah E. Richardson & Deborah Weston & sister Eliza — The eve. passed pleasantly within doors. The mercury in the Ther. being about 22½ a 23° when our friends left us —

3d day 30th Rose as usual about day light, and felt happy that another night of great Severity had passed without accident — but my self Congratulations were rather premature for with a half hour viz about 6 O'clk the Sound of the Guard Bells gave the note of alarm and upon looking from the Windows saw the blaze and dense cloud of Smoke in the S.E. part of the Town the Mercury stood at 1° above Cypher — with all convenient despatch I hastened to the point of danger, and learned on my way that the Oil Manufy. of Saml Leonard was on fire — Several engines were already there on my arrival I set to work — I attached my-self to N° 4 — then put upon the ground and aided in getting it to the ice in the S.E. direction from the burning building, and worked at the Engine and in dipping water from holes cut in the ice till about 8 O'clk when we were ordered to Stop the fire being so far subdued that no extension of it was apprehended — The Oil Manufy of his brother Saml Leonard just to leeward and with a Cooperage attached quite contiguous to the burning building which was also very much damaged, being Secured, as was supposed, as well the large piles of lumber, at the North & East — The fire companies were therefore mostly dismissed and the principal attention was devoted to saving the Cargo of Oil which was floating on the Water (which had been thrown

by the Engines ——— But it proved that the efforts were too soon suspended as the cold was so intense that the engines were soon frozen up if any were left exposed in the open air — and between 9 & 10 — the alarm was again given and the Citizens and fire Companies were soon again at the scene of action the oil having conducted the fire again to N. Leonards oil works — and the engines were kept in play till near 1 O'Clk when I returned to dinner having been personally employed as in the morning in supplying the engine S.E. of the fire from the river the engine being placed on the ice and after successive removals to avoid the water that flowed over the surface was placed on the shore which was quite contiguous to the fire — The amt. of property destroyed is probly. above 60.000 — S. Leonard pretty fully insured N. L & others but very partially — It is difficult to account for the origin of the fire — and there seems good to suspect it was the work of an incendiary

I spent the afternoon in measures to secure a supply of water to our own oil house, which I was surprised to learn was quite cut off by the freezing of the pumps in the vicinity and the disability otherwise of that within the building. — This occupied me till nigh when I went to the C.J. House and spent a few hours as my custom.

4th day 31st Spent the day at my C.J. House duties and in the evg with Mr Archer H. Foster & the House elder children were at a large party at two Hussey's — The rigor of the weather seemed

unfavorable for such an occasion but the efficiency of their warming apparatus renders the house very comfortable throughout. and it was a very pleasant Party without the aid of either Music or dancing. it broke up about ¼ past 11 — and I found the mercury at 5° though it was at 4° below in the evg — though the wind continued in the North Western Quarter

5th Day 2 Cent. 1 — Employed at my C.J. House duties through the day — so pressing are my duties there consequent on the protracted process of verifying my books of account that I thought it proper to forego the attendance of the religious Soc. of the Society with which I am in connection — In the evg attended the meeting of the N Bedford Temperance Coun — at which was reported a petition to the Legislature to advance the Cause by making the owners of buildings used for the illegal Sale of Sp. liquors liable with the tenants to legal penalties — and steps were taken for the wide dissemination of the same through the Temp. advocate urging Co-operation in presenting the subject earnestly to the Legislature that action may be taken upon it the present Session

Saml Parsons of Flushing L. I. Called at our house to day

6th Day 2 Cent. Occupied at the C.J. House principally through the day & evg — For our place a Great Military Ball was coming off at the Town Hall as I returned home about 10 Oclk. But I had the satisfaction in the reflection that none of my Children were there to outrage the peaceful

principles of their Ancestors for Generations — so plainly inculcated in the Gospel of Christ and so worthily illustrated by the early proselytes to the Christian Faith — Though by a strange illusion they have been practically renounced by the Great majority of their Successors — So that it may well be doubted whether the professors heathenism have ever made such bloody havoc among our Species and especially among those portions who held the same Religious faith for merely secular objects, as have the self styled Christians of the Day 3. This day has been devoted almost exclusively to the concerns of the "Rotch Whg Co." of which I am Secy. & Treasurer — in adjusting and stating the Accounts for the Stockholders meeting which occurred this afternoon at my Uncle Williams Office — when him & me or more properly he & I went thro' the usual course of action & form (no others being present) required by the By Laws and the State of the Company's Concerns — and I spent the ev. till a late hour except. an hour at the Oil works & Cg House, in recording the transactions and putting the Company's Books in proper form —

1st day 14th. Attended meeting as usual and passed the rem.r of the day at home — Ira Chase H with me in the Morn and thro' the day — She went with Sister & Mercy to the Episcopal Mg in the afternoon & I went there in the ev.

My reading has been in Caroline Fox's Christ our Example — and with many parts I am much interested but her gloomy dogmas I have little sympathy with — near the close of the w.j. I went to make a call on Mothers — She has been somewhat troubled with Rheumatism in the back but is now better

2. day 5th — Attended the Bank directors mtg. in the Mr — Thence to the Cg House — at 11 Oclk went to the meeting of the Stockholders of the Rail Road, which was numerously attended in consequence of the abuse which has obtained in respect to Free travel — The impression having been entertained that under the privilege which custom had sanctioned the families & friends of the directors (& the 3 connect. lines) as well as themselves passed free to a large extent — This impression it appeared was not wholly correct — but resolutions were introduced & passed by a large majority to confine the free travel to the directors and those employed by them on the route — Rem. of the day and the w.j. at the Cg. Hse. — & Continued my employt. on accounts till a late hour at home — had an interview with Sam. Hopkins on some Sam J. business & investigations connected with my controversy with Geo Howland & at an early stage of the w.j.

3. day 6th At home a part of the forenoon about my accts. in the afternoon at the Ins

of the Bristol Cy. Mut.e F. Ins. Cy. (the adj.d Cy.) — it was very largely attended for the purpose of reversing the decision at the former meeting in regard to the funds in Excess — a great excitement having been got up in opposition to the recommendation of the Directors to invest it for future claims on the Cy. — T. D Elliot appeared for the opposition and tried to get the question again before the Mg — But the Chairman T. G. Coffin ruled that it was out of Order — from which he took an appeal after arguing at some length on a motion which did not in fact touch the case but answering his purpose to enable him to argue the question which agitated the people who had employed him for that object But the close he amended his motion to meet the actual case when the Chr decided that it was out of order and gave very satisfactory reasons for decision — Elliot rejoined at some length and then the question on the appeal was put and the list of members called over for the yeas & nays — The meeting was large, the Mg. was a small majority of the members, and the call was continued till Candle light without finishing the list when many had retired and the space in the Savings Bank Room to which the Mg. had adj.d would admit of separating those who claimed yet to vote from the others — and the voting was soon finished — resulting in 229 for the appeal & 259 in

the negative — the M.J. was then adj.d without day — under great excitement among many of the agitators of the question until some broad intimations that another Jury wd be called wherein the subject could be again canvassed. — I hope however that the foolish excitement will die away and the judicious proceedings of the Directors be understood. I was the representative of many who were not present. — After the M.J. I went to the C.H. intending to be at the lecture but — was induced to forego the pleasure on acct. of my urgent C.H. duties — and continued my labor at the house till a late hour

4th. day 7th. Occupied most of the forenoon at home, with my accounts & those of the Rotch Whf C.H. — about 3 O'Clk went to the C.H. House and continued there till the M.J. was nearly spent. the interruptions to which I am subjected by day rendering the M.J. almost the only time that I can do those things which require continuous attention. I was sorry to be obliged to miss hearing Mr. Gough's highly interesting Temp.ce Lecture this M.J. — as I was that the Children should do so by reason of a paramount attraction as Geo Randalls which was a Private Concert for the benefit of the "Orphans Home". Ma chez H & Sister. after the Ch.ch Meeting of the latter were at our Cousin Arnolds — I stopped at Mother's on my way home, where I saw And.w & Anne — the former came to day from Boston, and was at the Temp.ce Lecture which was very interesting and very well attended.

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Spent the day principally at the C. J. & in looking over the papers at home, having been precluded by the pressure of my engagements for the last two months from keeping up with the current intelligence as spread in the newspapers I have large arrears to bring up in this line — Called to see Aunt Mary and to pay her her 6 half dividends — She said that she was about the same as of late — Did not attend our mid week Meeting — but went in the eve to hear Mr. Gough's lecture on Temperance in Liberty Hall — the House was crowded to excess and were highly entertained and interested — many names I think would have been added to the pledge if the crowd had admitted of freedom of motion — I trust many will yet sign it — He is an uneducated man about 25 years old has not been at School since he was ten years old — but speaks with great fluency with passages of deep pathos and others of a ludicrous stamp delivered with a highly comic manner — His Style is just suited to take with the masses, and many who are attracted to be amused are wherever he goes converted to the true temperance faith or stimulated to give proofs of their orthodoxy by their works So that he is one of the most efficient advocates now any where in this field of Philanthropy — I took Sue and Frank with me the engagements of the elder Children at cousin Sarah Arnolds Party prevented their being there. Thos & Lydia

Greene were here, the latter called in the ev'g — the former at the close of the lecture —

6th day 9th M.G. at home except an errand as Caterer for the family — Forenoon at the Exam.n of the Scholars at Friends Academy, the term ending to day — Thos. A Greene B. Rodman & Wm J Potter were also there of the Trustees — with others — The exam.n so far as the Classes presented at this Session was Satisfactory — In the afternoon the composition and the exercises in Declamation were attended to, but I was at the C.J. House them and through the ev'g.

7th day 10th Devoted the day and ev'g. principally to C.J. House duties — My stay at the House was a little curtailed by an alarm of fire — which originated in the Vestry of the 4th Street (Trinity) Church — which was quelled after the fire had reached the Garret by ascending between the weather boards & the Ceiling and enveloped the S.o side of the Roof externally in flames which were pouring up at the ridge and creeping up the Tower — The fire spread itself in the body of the Ch.h only on the S.o side near the Ceiling — damage from fire & Water estimated about $1000 — Ins. as the B.C.M.I.C.

1st Day 11th — Attended M.G. as usual with most of the Children & their mother in the afternoon & Thos & Sue in the M.G — there being no Minister at Grace Ch.h — Went in the ev'g. to the Temperance Mg. at Washington Hall which was very interesting and spirited — well filled with Washingtonians & their families & others — The

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auspicious aspect of the Cause was the subject of warm congratulations by the Speakers — The visit of Mr. Gough having given a new impulse — and as evidence of this — it was stated that a young mens Wash: Soc[y]. was only yesterday advertised and in the ev[g] they met adopted a constitution & By Laws, which were read at this mtg. by John Kehew, and about Eighty names added to thereto — Dr. Rodman made some very eloquent remarks on this announcement — The other Speakers were James McKinny (the first man that gave his name to the Wash: pledge in this Town) Wm L. Edwards J. R. Latkin & myself — called at mothers on my return and then at J. Arnolds to forward a petition to the Legislature for an amendment of the Laws so that the owners of buildings let & used for the illegal vends of Sp[s]. liquors should be liable to their penalties with the occupants —

2[d]. day 12 Rode in the mg. to the R. R. Depot to forward the petition but owing to a misapprehension of the starting hour of the Cars they were off just before I arrived there — Was at the Bank Directors mtg and spent some time at the Ins[ce]. Office, where I left the petition to get a few more signatures before the departure of J Arnold who was to take it to Mr. Page — Conv[n]. of the day principally at the Cg House and by ev[g]. also — made some preparations to guard against fire by a rail[g]. on the roof of some of my wh[t]. buildings — and providg. better water in

the attic of another — which provision is to be extended to two of the others if not more —
3 day 13th. Morng. at home except a catering errand to the Market — Day at the Cg. House except attending the funeral Services at Eph.m Kemptons on acct. of the death of his wife — Evg. at the Cg. House except the hour of the Lyceum Lecture which was given by Professor Loocing on the Splendid theory of Laplace for the observed condition of the Solar System which are not explained by the law of Gravitation — He spoke in the highest terms of this great stride of the great Astronomer, which ranks him with his great predecessor Newton in explaining the laws of the Celestial ~~System~~ Phenomena, and rendering the Science of Astronomy the most Complete of all Sciences — though its objects are so immensely removed from us, and all our Comn. with them is by the rays of light through the infinitely of Space which falls upon our diminutive Visual Organs, aided by such appliances as human ingenuity has been able to devise. It was a noble Lecture on the Grandest of all Physical Subjects — and could not fail to impress the hearers with emotions of unusual Sublimity — at its close I returned to complete some business at the Cg House, from which I was hurried by an alarm of fire — It was in the basement of build.g. on Main Street, Sd to be occupied as a Grog Shop — and was got under without much delay or Disturbance, damage

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4th day 14. Devoted the day principally to C.G. Home duties — part of the w.g. time occupied also made a call in the latter stage of it with ma chez H. at our neighbor's T. D Ellis — He was not at home — Saw his wife and a Miss Almy with whom we Spent half an hour — Saw two fine portraits by Stewart of his Grandfather & Great Grandfather Judge Dawes, which he has recently obtained from some branch of the family connection

5th Day 15 This day has been chiefly devoted to aiding in the preparation for my wife's Party which came off this ev — Spent a couple of hours at the C.G. Hse — The party was for us very general comprising about 60 visitors and was pretty Satisfactory

6th day 16th Gave attention to some details consequent upon the visit of yesterday, and to C.G. Home duties, and in the ev.g. was at home with a little party of our young Childrens friends — which was apparently very delightful to the juvenile Spirits who composed it — They had sundry games involving physical exercise and closed with Singing some popular songs in which all united with great animation — Supper in the Library on both occasions

7th day 17th Gave some attention in the morning to a Survey by Samuel Haskins whom I had engaged to depict the South line of my wharf lot. To ascertain the extent of

Geo. Howlands encroachment on my premises. — His failure & refusal to fulfil his part of the agreement made with the advice of the Overseers of the M. Mtg — having released me from the Concessions which I then made — as I have apprised him formally, and the Overseers verbally — or one of them viz Abm Sherman Jr who does up the agreements which are interchangeably signed — By the Survey it appears that this Stone wall is about 2 rds just two feet north of Second Street, and at its lower extremity near 4 feet — The Survey of the north line of my lot is reserved for a future opportunity — G. H. was duly notified of the proposed Survey — but he did not appear to take any cognizance of the proceedings — took tea with me Chas H & sister P. at A. Robeson's where were mother and our elder boys who were there at dinner also

1st day 18th Attended meeting as usual — and in the eve was at a Temperance Mtg. of the new Young Mens F. St. Soc'y — it was in the North Congregational Church — which was densely filled — — The address was by Chs Church of Troy N.Y. preceded by some interesting remarks by Govr Briggs who passed the day here and was at the Mtg — It was stated that this Soc'y. Though of but one weeks standing numbers now between 3 & 4 hundred

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Found Judge Prescott here on my return — but had also a call between meetings from Fred^k Cooley of Phil^a & Abbathen Howland

2. day 19 Went to the R.R. Depot and to the C.H. House before breakfast. Spent some time at T.D. Elliots Office in relation to my controversy with Geo. Howland, afterward at the C.H. House — at home part of the afternoon preparing a certificate to be signed by Mr. Sherman to guard against an erroneous inference which might be drawn from an expression in the Minutes of agreement which A. S drew up viz that I admitted that my Shop was on his land, which I not only never did admit but always maintained the Contrary — But on the advice of the Overseers I consented to yield the point to Geo for the advantage of the way, which it did not appear that I could otherwise obtain than by this sacrifice and the destruction of my expensive dock. — This advice I am confident they gave from their strong desire to heal the breach rather than from any apprehension that there conditions could be in justice asked of me. Ment. knowing the obstinate disposition and overbearing character of G.H. when his mercenary feelings are excited they thought it might be best for me to submit to the unreasonable exaction — I called after finishing the certificate at A. S's lodgings — but did not find him at home

— On return from the Q. Room a little after dark I called again and saw him — He said he would like to think over the subject a day or two as he did not remember all the circumstances — Rem. of the wg. at home — Ma chose to stay out a while as Uncle Williams and Aunt Mary's — Mary on a visit to S. A. Chevyes

3d day 20th Spent the day principally at the Store Two hours lost — an hour or two in clearing the Channel for the water wh. runs down Hillman St. & the ice which was diverting it over the Wharf — Staid at the Cg. House till about 7 Oclk when I went to the Lyceum, and heard an interesting & instructive discourse upon the Constitution of our System — at the close of the wg. went to the Cg. House again, to put away my books &c — Mary Drinker was with the fam. at Tea

4th day 21 — Spent some time at the Office in looking over the omitted news papers — made some observations and measurements with a view to the removal of my North Store to the main wharf — to be used if necessary for storing the materials of Whale Ships &c and in the mean time, if the removal is effected, to be used as at present by the Carpenters, Coopers &c at the Cg. House

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5th day 22d. Remained at home till somewhat late after breakfast — then attended to some small items at W. Howe's Store &c — & finished the forenoon at the W.H. Mtg. — afternoon at the Cg House Mtg. at a Party at A. Robertsons

6th day 23d. — Spent some time in the forenoon before going to the Store in looking over the papers — Remd of that part of the day at the W.H. Mtg & Cg House Jos. H. Price gave his judgment on the expense of moving my Store from the W. Abutment to the center of the main road. Geo Howland's man for 2 Ds. is employed in filling up the Gap in Water St. near my South line — This he told me some time since that he should do, but that he should stop up the way and not allow me to pass till I used my influence to make A.G. Snell consent to its continuance across his lot to Maxfield St. — We had Dillwin Smith Saml Parsons James Thornton John Hopkins & Walter Mitchell to dine with us — I spent an hour or two at the Cg. Hse after they took leave — and then joined my family in an early tea visit at Aunt Mary's — after tea my Aunt read to us my Grandfathers memorandum of the very eventful Period of his long life between 1774 & 1794 which was very interesting — The narrative was written in his Eightieth year. and the good taste & perspicuity of the style in keeping with the elevation of his principles & the elegancy of

important &
his character as developed in the trying incidents
of that part of his life, indicates no declension
of that excellent sense and sound judge-
ment for which he was distinguished — We
were very much obliged to my aunt for
the privilege thus given to our children to
become more particularly acquainted with
the character of their honored ancestors, whose
virtues we hope it may have a tendency
to induce them to emulate — We were
sorry that Mary & Sue were detained
by ill health from participating in benefit
7th day 24 My time to day has been chiefly
passed at the Cg House and at home con-
tinued my labors at the Cg House till near
1 Oclk. when I went to see Abr Shear-
man again on the subject of my visit the
1st of the week — finding it rather late
to have leisurely interview. he proposed
to call at my Cg House on 2d day — &
I took leave — On getting home found
Deborah Weston at our house having come
by my wifes invitation to give Thos an op-
portunity to see or hear some antient ballads
in her possession which he was curious to
know — She was very pleasant and ani-
mated
1st day 25th Attended Meetings as usual and
passed the rem: of the day at home — looking
over papers of a moral & religious character
&c — by mothers invitation to meet Jeremiah
Brown of Phila — I joined Our Sons & Thos.

who were previously engaged to drink tea with her — as a parting visit to the latter who expects to return to-morrow to Cambridge — J. B. was an apprentice to my Uncle Dean at Salem during part of my Aunts residence there & therefore known to our Family — He removed with his br: Moses to Phila.a about 1814 — and by an extensive agency business in Domestic Cottons &c has acquired a fortune — as have others of their Family Connection who have followed their example —

2d day 26th This morning our Thomas left us to return to his College Studies — I and his two brothers took leave of him at the Depot of the Rail Road — He was quite ready to resume the labor which they demand after the pleasant relaxation of the Vacation during which he has applied himself to a reasonable extent to make amends for the time lost by his Sickness — His eyes require some care yet — as they have not fully recovered from the effects of the disease which he has passed through — On return from the Depot took some measures in relation to the removal of the Store from the north Abutment to the main Wharf — By appointment A. Sharman called at the Cy. House about 11 O'Clk. But after a long conversation in relation to the certificate which I requested him to sign

to neutralize an unfavorable inference it might otherwise be drawn from a phrase in the Mem.ᵈ which he had drawn up after the Conference with Geo. Howland before the Overseers in the 8th Mo. 1842, although I cited him in the certificate as well as otherwise to Unequivocal evidence that such inference would be contrary to my views and intentions — he refused to sign it. — which clearly shows a want of impartiality and disposition to do me Justice or a want of Courage to do anything that may offend Geo. Howland — I was much disappointed at this refusal — under circumstances so derogatory or other supposition to the high principles of Genuine Quakerism, in one who is about at the head of the Society in N. England — "What must be the people if such is the priest"? — passed the afternoon and eve at home looking over my Diary to see if I had made any note of the circumstances under which G. H. built his wall on my land without my Consent and contrary to the agreement which I entered into with him quite gratuitously on my part in 1821 as is shown by my Mem.ᵈ on the 1st page of my Diary No. 1st

3. May 27th Continued my research this morng. in my Diary — and after I had restored my Sitting Room to the desirable state

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of Cleanliness by availing of a mild damp day & South West wind to carry off the dust which rises on the faithful use of the floor brush at long intervals. I pursued my examination at the Cf. Room, but without success — I probably therefore omitted to note the surprize and Chagrin which I felt when G. W. exultingly called my attention to the line as run by Jos. Conda which struck the original coopers Shop built by Asa Russell 2 feet from the South E. N. Corner. — Much of the afternoon occupied out of the Cf. House, — made a Call of Charity at Fish Lanes, and cut the ice to keep the water in the gutter from 2d Street to its termination at the head of my water opg. dock. which I sacrificed to Geo Hs unreasonable & hostile Spirit towards me, wrote a short time in my books and then closed to attend the Lectures after tea with the family. — The Subject was Henry the 8th & his Successors — by Rev. Mr. Fox of Newbury port — Wm G. the M.G. at home — Geo Howlands men have so far completed the filling up in the line of Water Street that teams may conveniently pass from that Street to Hillman or 2d Streets over his and my premises — whether he will fulfil his declaration that after complet.g

the filling up he should stop the Corn[er] by building a wall or depositing Stones on his lot unless I used my influence to get it [force it] the Street through R.G. Snells lot to Mayfield Street remains yet to be seen — The first team which I observed to pass from Water St. direct to my premises, except Q.'s which were employed in filling up the road was Squire Gifford's passing to D.K. Pinnies Lumber yard (on R.G. Snells lot) for a load of boards which I believe they carried off by the Same way — This was yesterday forenoon probably about 10 O'Clock about an hour before A. Shearman called at my C.J. House.

4th day 28th Spent the business hours of the day at the C.J. House Principally — called at Mathers took my books home with me to bring up my arrears of Posting — The weather stormy — Edw[d] Cold conting. Since his attack of measles he did not go out to day — Geo[e] Riddell was with us at tea — Heard from M. Howland's family the painful intelligence that his wife was confined but that to Save the life of the mother the Child had to be sacrificed — I yesterday made a call at Mr Luscombe's — his Son Chas a great sufferer from an incurable scrofulous affection — Little Ellen at home this week with a bad cold at one time with Symptoms of Croup — but She is much better now — Had the satisfaction of hearing some News from the Windsor six Months later than before — Say to Apl. last — which relieves the

anxiety which the absence of intelligence for 16 mos occ.
5th day 29 — Spent a short time at the C.J. Hse and attended the mid week Meeting — devoted the afternoon to some researches in my fathers acct. book — in relation to the lots of land bot. by him of Abm Russell in 1812 to prepare myself for an. dressing a letter which I have rec from his widow Sarah Russell in relation to the small Gore of land which by an alteration in the last line of C.J. near Walnut St. was thrown into one of s.d lots — e.g. Spent in making some research into the laws in regard to Streets discontinued. and in writing an answer to friend Russell's Comn. which occupied me late very late
6th day 30 mo. 1 — Principally occupied at the C.J. House & late near 9 Oclk in the e.g. — Continu. my work on my accts at home late the close of the e.g. — We heard to day of the awful accident onboard the Steam Ship Princeton by the explosion of one of the great Guns by which the Secy of the Treas. & Navy Com Kennon & two other distinguished gentlemen — many seamen were killed to gether with Capt. Stockton her Comn. &c.
4th day 2 Passed the day in the occupation of the C.J. House and looking over some of the papers at home — e.g. at home
5th day 3d Looked over some copies of the "Shut Anchor" (a Miscell. & Moral paper addressed to Seamen) in the morng preparatory to visiting the boarding houses of this class of men to invite them to attend Divine Service at the Mariners Church took Capt. Allen with

me in the wagon the roads being in a very muddy state — attended Mtg at the S Ch — Audience pretty good for this season when the Leaves in part are comparatively few — Mr. Mudge seemed quite feeble more so than I have before known him, he having had a second shock of the Palsy which though slight indicates the propriety of his decision to retire from his pastoral charge at the close of the year for which he is engaged which will be in a month or two — In the E.[v]g was at the Temp.[e] Mtg at the Washingtonian's Hall — Lecture by James B. Congdon — Hall full — Mtg interesting — called to see the late Capt.[n] (Ex Register) of the Jos Stewart at Coles — Mrs Packards, called at the close of the Mtg. Mtg at mother's — Wrote late in preparg. an article for the Mercury to induce the Ship Owners to guard the Seamen whom they employ from the arts of the Rum Seller on their arrival from their voyages. our three youngest Children were at Packard's

2.[d] day 4.[th] Spent the forenoon in preparing my Temperance article at home, where I remained through the day. The weather being Stormy, looking over the papers — took tea at bro.[r] W.[m]s with me there H. — Uncle Wm & Aunt Lydia & the elder members of the fam.[y] circle being there

3.[d] day 5.[th] at home & at the C.[y] House this the day — Mtg at the Lyceum Lecture, — by Mr. Paige On Endemic Sue with me others detained by Colds. sister Esther room there 3 days

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4th day 6th At home a considerable part of the forenoon preparing my Meteorological Notes for the last 3 months to forward to Washington last part of the forenoon & the afternoon at the Q. House — After calling to see Mother who has been a little indisposed with a slight affection of the lungs for a few days — and taking tea — went with the three younger Children and their Cousin Isabel Morgan to the Temperance Soiree got up by some of the ladies of the Washintonian's families & others for the benefit of the Washington T. A. Soc'y. The Singers Covert & Dodge and the N.B. Brass Band were there to give interest to the occasion — and by alternating the vocal "Seria Ludicra Comica Temp.ce Songs of those reformed men, with the instrumental music of the band. after a good introductory Speech by Ja.s B Congdon aided by the attributions of said appointed tables under the Superintendance of the young ladies and the Confectionary & Ices, under the care of others of them — and all harmonizing with the current of good feeling & fellowship which pervaded the visitors and gave rise to extensive & hearty Congratulations on the blessing which this great Reform are Spreading over Society — in which the throng of all classes which filled the Spacious Town Hall participated — made it a very interesting Sig — to the friends of Temp.ce as well as to those whose Mighty experience of life & its Sad accompaniments who thronged & more principally occupied with the Gay and

Cheerful entertainment — our Children were highly delighted — M. Drinker & E. dr were with us at tea — & with us again after the ev.g. lecture at the Episcopal Church which She attended with Mary. little Ellen was at her uncle Williams at tea 5th day 7th Attended with Thos. A. Greene & Wm. J. Russell to the examination of the situation of the "Merchants Bank" we being Chosen for that service by the Directors under the Act passed at the last Session of the Legislature — This business occupied us about the whole day — viz from 9 A. to Sunset with the exception of the dinner hour — walked to my whf to use up the time between the close of our employment there and the hour of meeting of the Temp.ce Com.e — which being over — I went to the extra Lyceum Lecture by a Greek, on some national Subjects, which had considerable interest from its novelty & his being dressed in the costume of a Greek Soldier — Harriet Perry was with the Jamp. at tea with little Ellen — My own ev.g meal was deferred till after the Lyceum Lecture — Mary & Edmund at a party at S. G. Morgans Frank & Susan were at the Lecture.

6th day 8th Gave my time to C.G. Hse and domestic duties — took some steps in relation to the extension of Water St. from North to Maxfield St. — saw J. Dunfee Jr. with whom I had previously had some Com.n on the Subject at his own instance, when I

seconded his suggestion to bring the subject before the Town at the approaching Ann. Town Meeting, and promised to unite with him in the application. — This being the last day of receiving such applications I called to ascertain whether he had moved in the measure. But I found him in quite a different mood, he said that he knew that it could not be effectual while G. H & myself were at variance and that if I did not use the influence of my position to with A G. Lull to get the Street across his lot where he was now contemplating to erect a large building that G. H. would permanently obstruct its extension even to Hillman St. & therefore though he sh^d be a great Sufferer having laid out $2000 — to promote the Extension across his lot to Maxfield St. he should do nothing about it — In this new disposition in which I found J.D. although I had a preference not to originate the application but G. H's hostility towards me which of which he has given such ample proofs might make him oppose it, I concluded to apply to the Select men to bring it before the Town & accordingly did so calling on J.D.P & Jeffers Hillman to unite with me therein — had an interview with Jn^o Hopkins clerk to D.R. Peirce & A.G. Lull on my plan of book keeping — eve at home

7^th Day 9^th Spent part of the forenoon in reference to the proposed meeting of Ship Owners this eve — repair at the C.H. House, afternoon at home preparing resolutions to present at the

D. meeting, evg. at the meeting, which was very thinly attended by the class to whom the Call was directed — but a goodly number of others who felt an interest in the Subject were there. Some interesting information was elicited tending to show the necessity some action on the Part of the Ship Owners to protect the Seamen in their Service from the evils of intemperance on their first reaching our Shores — The Mg Stands adjourned to 5th day 2 weeks 1st day 10th Made a tour with T.R. Dix among the boarding Houses of Seamen to invite them to Church — called at Mothers — attended Meetings as usual and Spent the remr of the day at home — Fredk Howland, Son of Joseph gave a Militia warning at the Close of the 1st Mtg — to rouse the "Slumbering Watchmen" to their duty at this momentous Crisis when the end of time was just at hand. — it followed a very feeling Prayer by Susan Smith — I was not before aware that he was one of the Subjects of this strange delusion.

2d day 11th Occupied at home and at the Country House & through the day, and remained at the Cg House till near 9 Oclk in the evg. our younger Children made a visit at T.R. Robsons —

3d day 12th called at Mothers and Spent the remr of the day at home & at the Cg House at the latter place gave Jno Hoskins some insight into my plan of book keeping — and to make amends for the interruptions of the day Staid till

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near 9 in the evg. By which I was prevented from attending the Organization of the Marine Temp.ce Society in which new movement I have a strong sympathy — Our little girls were at C.M. Thorgus's at tea &c. Ed & Mary at the lecture of the Greek (Cartanis) on the massacre of Scio —

4th day 13th Attended to my concerns at home & the Cg. Hse. till rather late in the forenoon. Afternoon writing at home a short article for to-morrows paper to remind the Ship Owners of the Mg to-morrow evg — went towards evg to the Cg House to dispose of my books for the night and after tea went to the Lyceum Lecture given by Dr Peabody of Portsmouth — The subject was the condition of the Poor in Pagan Countries & ages and under the Christian system it was very instructive and I regret that the very rainy weather deprived a large part of the members of the benefit of hearing it. I was the only representative of our family — Ed & Frank having colds which made it improper that they should expose themselves to the Rain — I was at Mothers in the morng — her cold seemed better.

5th day 14th Occupied through the day at the Cg. house &c — and in the evg went to the Meeting of Ship Owners, which was rather better attended than the preceding — and more interest manifested than on the former occasion — The duty of carrying out the views of the meeting was devolved upon a Comtee with full powers.

6th day 15th occupied in the morning with reference to the duty of the Comtee on the subject of the Seamen — and by appointment met the others of the Comtee at the Nautical Insn Office — thence to the Cy House — and in the afternoon occupied in carrying out the views of the Comtee in the Circulars to be prepared for the adoption of the Ship Owners — latter part of it at the Cy House & thence to the Meetg of the Exe Bd of the Port Society — Mr Mudge's resignation of his Office as pastor was a subject of particular interest — a comn from stating the reasons failure of health & which induced him to retire from the duties in which he had labored for about 12 years —

7th day 16th After breakfast went to the Insn Office to meet my Colleagues of the Comtee — but the weather or forgetfulness prevented their being there except ing Mr Taylor who is Secy of the Office — Called at A. Robeson's and prompted him to the duty — thence to the Cy House — where I was occupied with the exception of the hour of dinner & through the day and eve —

1st day 17 Called at T. R. Dix's lodgings before breakfast to furnish him with papers for distribution in his calls at the Seamen's Boarding houses, but learned that he was out of Town — I therefore took my breakfast before the rest of the family and went the rounds myself. Called at Mothers when I had completed the circuit — and attended Divine Worship at the Mariners Church Mr Mudge had a young Man to aid him who gave the Opening Prayer & the Sermon from the text Christ

is all and in all — Mr. Mudge gave the closing Prayer — I was at Friends Mg. in the afternoon — and my readg. was Moral & Relig. Papers & magazines

2d. day 18th — Gave the day principally to my domestic & C.H. House duties — which were protracted into the evg at the Store. Went to Chas. H. Morgans to attend the little girls home — Ed & Mary at a Party at Capt Randalls till 12½

3d. day 19 At Mtg. before breakfast — Soon after breakfast there was an alarm of Fire which had caught in the upper part of the N. Wing of Jno. C. Haskell's house where I gave my Services till they were no longer needed Damage not very great, principally in the Garret & upper floor of that division — except from the water which flooded the apartments below — the bird Room was so filled with Smoke as to destroy all of the birds — about 50 in number — Spent the remainder of the day at home in Seeking for a missing paper — went to the Comm. Room for a few minutes before tea. and after the evg meal to the Lyceum. — Lecture by Judge Prescott on the Moorish Conquest & expulsion from Spain —

4th day 20th. At the C.H. House forenoon Afternoon principally at home. had a call from Benj: his wife and little Son — afterwards devoted my self principally to the Subject of the late Meetings of Ship Owners, first part of the evg at the C.H. House, called with the Ship Owners Circular to get my Bro: Wm to head the signatures but he was not at home. Sister Phebe at

Sister Anna is to dine &c. Mary at Geo. Riddell's to tea. Edmund confined at home with an inflamation on his eyelid

5th Day 21 — Had a call at breakfast time from Wm. Harand and his brother about the Bellevue House after I had finished this meal went with them and had a consultation with my uncle W. Rotch Jr on the subject of their visit — took some measures relative to the subject of the Ship Owners circular — A. Roberson being absent from home his assent to the proposition could not be obtained — and the business is to be settled by letters — rem. of the day at the duties of the C.H. House — in the afternoon principally in inverting errors at A.D. Richmond's C.H. Room in their Accounts — left the Store near 8 P.M. came home to attend Mr. Shere H. & Mary to Sarah E. Ricketson's party — whither we went through a Snow Storm in A.G. Ryder's Cab. — It was a large promiscuous party which filled her neat new House —

6th Day 22 Devoted the day considerably to C.H. House duties, gave some attention to the obtaining Signatures to the Ship Owners circulars — Went after tea to the Anti Slavery Meeting to hear Abby Kelley — but the mg. was so large and my position (in the Town Hall) so remote from the Speaker that I heard very imperfectly — and could form but a very indefinite idea of her Style & matter — She appeared to be very zealously engaged, spoke with very little hesitation and quite rapidly The Meeting was a little disturbed in the more

Anote parts by a few disorderly boys - and the morning of the large Standing part of the audience -

7th day 23d. Spent most of the day forenoon in getting Signatures to the Ship Owners Circular. then occupied at the Cg Hse till rather late for the usual dinner hour - Spent the afternoon at the Select Men's room as one of the Auditors of their accounts - Edw L Baker the other - after two went to the Cg Hse to secure my books. made a Call at P. Wilcox's House to get a Signature to the Circular - Called at T B. Whites to get the "Shut Anchors" left there for Jas. Arnolds & myself - to hand to T. R. Dix who got to invite the Seamen to Church to-morrow - Spent about an hour at the Anti Slavery convention & and heard a good Speech from C L Remond. -

1st day 24th Looked over the last No of the Shut anchor and then gave my 6 copies with 4 of J. Arnolds. having first called there to get his approbation to T. R. Dix. - after breakfast and the usual reading I went to the A. S. Mg. at the Town Hall & heard a good discourse or address from W. L. Garrison - S. S. Foster & C L Remond occupied the Mg. for a short time - the audience was quite large, and the Mg. seemed to be generally satisfactory - Went to the Mg. again in the afternoon. and heard S. S. Foster of New Hampshire, in his usual violent denunciatory Style. but with every appearance

of an honest if too ardent a Zeal — aimed principally at the delinquencies of the American Church & Clergy in reference to this great Cause — for which though violent and extravagant in the extreme, has I am sorry to say too much ~~apology~~ in the well authenticated facts, and declarations of Sentiments of ministers and ecclesiastical bodies. — I remained at home in the evg — ma chere H. at home all day with Edmund whose eye is more painfully sensitive to the light than heretofore — D Rhea prescribed leaches to day and the inflamation has been thereby somewhat mitigated — He has been in the Nursery (darkened) most of the day. — This is the 52 anniversary of my birth — a long course of years has this been allotted to me, but how idly has it been improved with reference to the most important duties of life — The constant Claims of business and Social & domestic duties — and the current intelligence of the day makes so heavy a tax on time & thought that my Spiritual State remains too much in Statu Quo — instead of advancing with the lengthening Shadows of my mortal day — Year by year I have the same uncomfortable reflections — Conscience gives at these memorable epochs, as well as day by day in the intervening periods her admonitory reproaches — and it seems melancholy & discouraging that these merciful visitations should be so little profited by — while life is rapidly passing away — As in former occasions

I must renew my endeavors and double my diligence to make my calling and election sure before the Sand, & my remaining day shall be wholly ours —

2. day 25th. This being election day for Town Officers, my time was principally spent in relation to this business or in the incidental Social intercourse at the Town Hall & with our citizens who assembled there on such occasions — There was no opposition to the whig ticket except for County Treasurer — and he had democratic candidate had about 3 or 400 less than ours — after the adjournment I went to the Ct House and gave some time to my business there — Edmund Still laid up with his inflamed eye, in a darkened room though somewhat relieved by the application of yesterday —

3d. day 26th. Devoted most of the forenoon to getting signatures to the Ship Owners circular — and in the afternoon went to the meeting called to remonstrate against the measure which the Executive had plotted with the Slave holding interest to spring upon the Country in the form of a treaty the annexation of the revolted Mexican dependency Texas — At this mg. I remained till our Collector Rodney Friend began one of his windy and forceless speeches against time as a former temperance occasion for

political effect, as he now did to keep in favor with the appointing power the President. Slave holder as he is and abolitionist as Friend has heretofore professed to be — but on which subject he is now careful to be very quiet — When I left the Hall to attend to my business at the C.J. House — where I remained till the Lyceum Lecture hour, which I attended and heard a very excellent practical discourse on the evils of young men in Cities for want of proper training to make them efficient self dependent useful citizens and therefore happy & respectable members of Society

4th day 27th Read the Papers and made a trial of a new machine for Scouring knives — in the forenoon — It was not satisfactory — at the C.J. Hse. a short time before dinner — then again in the afternoon and evening till a little past 9 O'clk — Edmund yet unable to use his eyes — thought to be a little less well to day —

5th day Spent the forenoon at home and calling on Ship Owners or agents for their signatures to the circular, proposed to be at the Mtg. of Friends Soc. in completing my circuit but could not make the necessary dispatch — gave some further attention to the same object after dinner and then repaired to the C.J. House and remained at my engagements till about 9 O'clk. when I was hastened away by

an alarm of Fire — which was caused by Spontaneous Combustion, as is supposed, in the Soap & Candle Manf. of Lewis Whitemore — it was soon extinguished with little damage —

6th day 29th Soon after rising this morg — the Town bells gave the alarm of fire. as the Bell is daily rung at Sunrise the sound did not immediately take my attention as I had just left the Observatory — but on returning to this command position — a dense cloud of Smoke revealed the Cause and the direction of the burning building — to which I promptly hastened — it proved to be in a small Carpenters Shop in the rear of Hill Street owned by Gifford Taber — The Engines were at work in great force and the fire was principally confined to the combustible matter in the interior — and soon extinguished — I devoted the day principally to Observatory duties and remained thus occupied in the evg — Edmund continues confined to the Nursery — the internal inflamation of the contusion though somewhat abated — his mother and Aunt cheer his affliction by reading to him Our little Sue took her first Music lesson of Miss Grampus on 4th day last to be continued weekly

7th day 30th Occupied principally with Observatory duties during the day and evg. There was an alarm of fire early in the evg. Fortunately I did not hear occasioned by the partial conflagration of the Spring Street School House — it was soon suppressed the injury mostly confined to the interior — which

was badly damaged
1st day 31 — Attended meetings at Friends place of worship — and Spent the other portions of the day and evg in writing the Report of the Temp.a Com.e
2d. day 4mo. 1 — Morng Jam. J. Spent in completing my Report — when I repaired to the Town Hall to cast my vote for County Commissioners, and to get the Signature of the Ch.n of the Com.e Spent most of the afternoon at the Town Mg. viz adjourn.d of the Annual Mg. — The Report was presented and Read but owing to the omission of the proper article in the Warrant it could not be further acted upon and was laid on the table to wait the call of another Mg which is likely soon to occur — after the adj.t of the meeting I went to the Cg House and remained till the close of the day when I came home, and soon followed Sister Rhoda Mary & Ellen to Sister Annis to make a visit — where were Uncle & Aunt Potter the 3 Miss Wertons and Wm & Chr families with Mother & Sister Eliza &c &c —
3d. day 2. Gave some attention to my weighing Machine by beginning the excavation — Spent the afternoon at the Potter Whf books — Evg. at Rest of Dr. Bartletts Lecture after an errand to the Cg House — 7m. Spent in sketching a Supplement to the Lease of the Bellevue premises at Newport
4th. Day 3. Made fair copies of the additional agreement with the Lessees of Bellevue, and took measures for their Signature by the parties here

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— Had an interview with A Robeson in relation to the joint wh[f] property — which he wished to purchase & I wished to sell — but without probability of a bargain being concluded — 3rd day at C[g] House business — had a call from J. Arnold about tea time and after tea went again to the C[g] House

5th day 4th Went to the wh[f] to give attention to the business of the W[g] Machine — and after breakfast with James Arnold on business of the Syracuse Salt Works to my uncle Williams Office — then to the wh[f] & 2nd Mtg of friends — where was John Pease from England who preached very acceptably. left the Mtg. about 2 O'Clk and after dining went to the wh[f] about my W[g] Machine which required to have, though reluctantly by the Mrs — W[g] at home — hav[g] mother & sister Eliza. S Ricketson & the 3 Miss Bestons Sh. & L Greene Ch[s] & Sarah. & Miss H Braston with us — Learnt to day that A Robeson has bo[t] the Bay Town Wh[f] & Oil Works &c which ends the hope respect[g] his purchase of my share of the C[g] wh[f].

6th day 5th Occupied at the wh[f]. C[g] House &c. Edm[d] still confined, in the darkened room, two more leaches applied to day. a[g] bro[t] a Stick of timber from Co[s] timber wh[f]

7th day 6th Engaged at the C[g] House about the wh[f]. preparing for putting down the hay Scales &c — e[g] at Mothers where were Sister Anna & her sons W[m] & Tho[s]. & wife — bro[r] W[m] & wife. C.N. Morgan & Sister Sarah & Son Rodman. & Mary Chase to tea.

1st Day 7 Attended Meetings at Friends place of worship — Sermon in the forenoon by Charles Taber from Vermont — afternoon by Thomas Anthony of E. Greenwich R. I. — went to the Cg. House on an errand after meg. rem.d of the day & eve.g at home — Cousins Sarah & Eliz.h Arnold called to enquire after Edward spent an hour with us in the early eve.g He continues with much improvement as to his eye — and has been further afflicted by a bad bile on the back of his neck — Fried.k Howland the Millerite spoke in the afternoon meg — but desisted on being requested so to do

2.d day 8 Went this forenoon with Sister Eliza in Mother Carriage to Fall River taking little Ellen with us — arr.d there a little before 12 and was at the closing deliberations of the Pocasset Cong.n took a walk to & by the furnace to Nicali to dinner — He had a fall a few days since in exploring the route of the proposed Rail Road from Fall River to Myricks which has confined him since till to day — the injury I think requires a good deal of care — Set off about 5 o'Clk. and arr.d at home about 8 — gave some attention to the proceedings in relation to the weighing Machine at the wharf — and then wrote a long letter to judge Williams relative to the Case submitted as to the Assonet Wharf

3.d day 9th left home early for Providence via Fall River where I joined Ch.s H. Morgan & Wm Roberson onboard the Steamboat — Made sundry calls in relation to claims due my fathers Estate &c walked an hour or two about the City

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and returned in the afternoon in the Cars home — and took tea with the Family. — with whom were Eliza Perry & her three sisters — found Edmund better to day than yesterday — Called at the Post Office and whf. to look after my W.J. machine which on acct of the rain has not advanced to completion as I anticipated.

4th Day 10th. Engaged a considerable portion of the forenoon at home, writing up my diary & looking over the Papers — towards noon went to the Wharf and found Enoch just finishing the weighg. machine he had made a partial test with the small weights belonging to it but this did not satisfy me, and I took measures to obtain the heavy weights in the hands of the Sealer of Wts. &c. having procured 18-56's they were put upon the platform and it was found that the beam indicated 19 lbs less which made an re-adjustment necessary — when completed it was again tried and the variation was reduced to two pounds — and this I thought fully accounted for by the action of the wind — indeed I am not sure that on so large a surface exposed to the winds which pressed under the open wall — to windward, the whole difference might not be accounted for. — Afternoon at the Cg for the W.J. also Family Spent there

5th Day 11th Remain at home till meeting time and then went there — & after the close went to the whf. & where I passed the afternoon part of the W.J. — There was a false alarm of fire in the W.J. — which called forth

the energy of our Firemen but the alarm proved to be occasioned by the disreputable class of young men who to break up an anti-slavery Meeting (3d party) called with my wife at J. Ames, 6th day 12th Spent the day in assisting a workman in finishing the land adjacent to the Hay & call so as to receive the Coat of earth to hide the Stones — afternoon put Salt on the Summit the Wharf posts — evg. mainly there also on in continuance of attention to my books at home

7th day 13 — Spent the morning & forenoon till 9 o'Clk in laying out & looking up Apprentices — then took Cash & cash pads — and centre my attention to business at the Wharf & Cg House — On returning in the evg stopped at Brothers and then went to Liberty Hall and heard about ½ an hour of W. L. Garrison on Non resistance — Mother is better — Mr was quite ill on 4th or 5th day — but is very better. — Our Edm: convalescence continues slowly. About the early stage of last week in anticipation of Alexander our waiter boy leaving us owing to the dissatisfaction which his want of Self government caused in the Kitchen we engaged an Irish boy James about 16 years introduced by my mothers servant to take his place in about a month or 3 weeks when Alex: was to leave us. In the meantime James was to assist Jacob in the garden &c in compensation for his board at J's brothers — but on 2d day the 8th Alex: took unceremonious leave and as I was absent from Town on that & the succeeding day prevented our discovering that he was not at his fathers, and had in fact left town

without his Parents knowledge — James has still continued to aid Jacob out of doors doing only the early morning work of Alex. viz making the kitchen fire and blacking the Shoes. My wife having put the children & female domestics including Mrs. Hickey to whom she has given a home for the last few weeks to share this & other duties among them —

1 Day 4th — Occupied as usual before breakfast — Attended meeting all day & in the evg. at Liberty Hall to hear Wm. Lloyd Garrison — His subject in the forenoon was Worship, in the afternoon the Clergy and Laity & Church Organization and in the evg the Sabbath — His views are very diverse from those generally current in Society but he made a strong case and proved to my mind that the predominant notions on each of those subjects are fraught with error and ought to be changed — There appeared in many respects a striking coincidence of his opinions and the early friends and those of Elias Hicks of later date — With the concluding part of his last address I was very much struck & interested — He has faith in Christianity as supplying the balm which is to heal all of our individual and social evils — to heal the present distressing inequalities in Society and restore to the human race the bliss of Paradise, when the Lord God shall reign & rule among the Children of men when war and oppression shall cease, and love be the ruling principle and bond of union

Sat fellowship, 'when the Lion & the Lamb shall lie down together and a little Child shall lead them, and none shall hurt or destroy in all God's holy mountain.— At the close of the M.G. meeting I called at Mothers, and was sorry to learn that she was more unwell having had another slight Chill and had been in the parlor in the afternoon only.— Enjoyed this Summer day (mercury at 80° in shade) to breathe again for a short time the external air.

2d day 15th. Made it a point to be at the Town Mg. to be present at the decision in regard to the Street. I was there soon after the opening but I then learned that a general report had been made by the Com. which was adverse to its acceptance, as well as to the acceptance of several others— The report having been accepted by the small number of persons present and thus the business in which I was interested concluded, I did not remain long but went about my private concerns with reference to the fitting of a Crane & purchase to my Small Scow &c — afternoon and M.G. at the G. House, Called at Mothers — who continues unwell

3d day 16th Attended at the Bank, with reference to A.G. Ryder's business & called upon him about it he being sick — forenoon devoted to the measures necessary to obtain the Carting for my Scow Bear, have obtained my brother William's patterns from Westport for the wheels and James Durfee's for the drum— and together out of door business afternoon made some further efforts to get the few names not yet on the Ship Owner's

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Circular — little or nothing having been done since I left it to my Colleagues of the Com^n — H. Maiden & till 9 Oclk at the Cg Hse &c — found Caroline Weston here on my return home She having spent the ev^g — after going to C. W. Morgan's for Ellen I attended her home — Isabel Morgan & her brother were here at a Mol.^l Candy Pastime — Mother seems better this afternoon & ev^g

4^th Day Cg^s Went to on several errands in the forenoon, to the furnace Oil Works. Wh^n he had a conversation with J. Dwight & about the Water Street — afternoon at the Cg Hse. Also went with Thos. H. Green to look at some Shells which were offered me. The quantity was very large viz a Seaman's Chest full but the Variety was not great. and the larger portion was of them were of one kinder. part of the ev^g at the Cg Hse

5^th Day 18^th Occupied at the Cg Hse nearly the most of the day & ev^g — was at the Bank Directors Mg. 9 Oclk — I was interrupted about 8 ½ Oclk by the cry of fire which it ascertained to have been caused by the conflagration of the Shot Tower on the Cor. of Middle & Punchard Street, but it was soon got under and I returned to the Cg Hse in a few minutes later

6^th day 19^th At the Wh^f Cg Hse afternoon and ev^g till 8 Oclk — a young Irishman came to work in the Garden, he having accepted my offer of employment for a few months —

his name is [illegible] and he is just now
from Canada West (Kingston) where he lived
for about 2 years — after my supper I
went to C.M. Morgan's for Ellen — Sister
Phebe is quite unwell with a severe cold
— Had a further conversation with James Dunfee
Jr. relative to the opening of a Cart way for the mu-
tual convenience across S.G. Snelli's lot — and
to further the accomplishment of the object I
sketched a form of agreement to be signed by us
and whoever else would join in the measure.
In thus acting for a common as well as private
good I have no aim to propitiate my neighbor
(in locality but not in the bible sense) Geo Howland.
but am willing that he should execute the threat
which he has all along held out that he would
close the way which he opened across his lot
to mine if I did not use my influence (in other
words compel in violation of an engagement) S.
G Snell to give a passage northerly to Jas
Lane if he chuses so to do
7th day 20th Occupied chiefly at the G. House
gave some oversight and instructions relative
to repairing the pump to the 5th Tenement above
& cleaning the cistpool of
the house on 7th Street — Obtained somewhat
into the evg — J. H. Wetherd called to
retract his Partial engagement of the Vacant
tenement in the 7th St House
1st Day 21st Attended Meeting at Friends house
of Worship — Rachel H + Ellen with me in
the forenoon — rem of the day & Evg at home
— Did not get knowledge of the meetings held

at several of the houses of worship by Chalmers of the Free Church of Scotland — explanatory of the causes of their Secession and the sacrifices which this decisive measure involved — which I regretted. — Sister Phebe confined to her room for the last two or three days with her cold Edm^d. has begun to leave off the green shade for his eye — Mr. Harvey was with him in the afternoon and Maria to tea —

2. day 22. Went to the Smithi Shop. Furnace & with reference to cuttings omitted in my former order for my Scow — finding it necessary to get them Made at Fall River at our Furnace is to undergo repairs — after waiting till 9 o'Clk — with the view of Voting for Cg. Com^r when I ascertained that the Mg. was not called till 2 o'Clk. I set off with Ma Chace H for Fall River to attend a Special Mg. of the Pocasset Man Co — dined at Sister Lydia's, and called with Ma Chace H to see Mary Coleson & Anna — it being our first call on the former — A. J. was not at home but we saw their fine house and its appointments together with the fine little infant of 5 mos — Andrew the 3^d — left F.R. at 6 o'clk and reached home a little after 9 — having had a very pleasant day.

3. day 23. Rose early and made interest with H. V. Davis & Co for an early application of their skill in testing my apparatus for examining

the bottom of the dock or harbor — about 2 Oclk a slight experiment was made with partial success which was repeated in the ev'g but not with the success that I had anticipated — afternoon at the Cg. House

4th Day 24th Devoted the hour before our morning Scriptural reading to some orders in relation to my "Sub Agency Examiner" — most of the forenoon spent in looking after my business at the Whf. and at the N. Lots &c — from 12 to ev'g at the Cg. Hse except the hour of Dinner — Arr: of the ev'g. at home being oppressed with a cold I retired earlier than usual —

5th Day 25th On acc't of my Cold I have confined myself to in door occupation at home and at the Cg. House walking rather closely to & from the Cg House — I wrote in the ev'g at home and did not see my wife's visitors Anna Arnold & Deborah Yerton who spent the ev'g with her. Mary was at Perrys after tea —

6th Day 26th My Cold being oppressive and the weather unpleasant I remained at home through the day having my account books brought to me from the Cg. House I was principally employed on them

7th Day 27. Not being yet well enough to go out with confidence I spent the day in looking over the Papers & Copying my Meteorological notes for last month to forward to Prof. Espy at Washington, except an hour or more in the afternoon when I had a call from Francis Taber and Abm Shearman two of the Overseers of the monthly meeting on the subject of Water Street and the difference between me & George Howland arising therefrom

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& their own

I told them that all of my endeavors to secure an amicable adjustment, which had involved great sacrifices on my part, having failed I did not purpose to give them any further trouble about it. That the agreement which I had entered into with G. H. under the advice of the Overseers in the 8th m°. 1842 which involved a pecuniary sacrifice of about $3000. ($2000 in the value of my repairing dock which was destroyed by extending the embankment across it in the line so as to admit of the continuation of Water St. to my N. line & $1000 expended in the operation) having been performed on my part in good faith, and broken by him. I felt myself released from the concession, in regard to the division line between our two lots which I then made, and, as I had formally notified him, I should now insist on my legal rights — They wished to promote harmony, but as in the former case by endeavoring to induce me to yield to G. H.'s unwarrantable demands instead of reprehending his want of good faith in violating a written Contract made in their presence, and as far as I was concerned by their influence solely — I took occasion at the close of the interview to demand of him that by his refusal, (as mentioned in my memo. of 2 m° 26 in this book) to give me the certificate in regard to a phrase which he inserted in the agreement without my authority, or assent, as to the inference, which, unexplained, might be drawn therefrom. — The paper having been made by him at my request and solely to prove the agreement which was then made and sold G. H. by his signature to

its fulfilment. Not then admitting the possibility that he would violate an understanding thus deliberately made and attested — I was indifferent, except as to his manner, as to the Phrase, and signed the instrument without scrutinizing the exact import of that which seemed to admit George's prior Claim to the land covered by his Hand & Seal, — though full evidence to the Contrary was furnished the Previous in my letter to them of 3m° 29 1842 — to which views I had steadily and always thereafter up to the date of the arrangement entered into under their auspices, maintained. — By this interval I told him I had since been compelled to view him as a Partizan of G: H's and not as a mutual impartial friend of both. and I told him moreover that I did not meditate any immediate legal proceedings to establish my rights, but if I deviated from this intention it would be solely to do away, while the events were recent, the erroneous inference which his act & my inadvertance in signing the document unrectified was calculated to produce, especially as he had refused an explicit request to put the matter in its true light, by giving me the certificate which I desired.

1st Day 29th Attended Meetings forenoon and afternoon — otherwise at home — had a call from Sister Susan & Francis & Eliz: Wells & also Bro: Benj: — Sister Phebe's Cold detained her from meeting — Rachel Howland Spoke in the afternoon meeting — the first time since her severe illness & affliction She made a call here yesterday.

2d day 29th Morng at home - rode in the forenoon with Edm.d to sundry places, in relation to my Saw Machinery, called at the Printing Office about the Ship Owners Circulars &c. Spent some time at the Cg. Hse - Afternoon at the Cg. Hse &c. Evg. at home, writing to Judge Williams on the Atwood Case

3d day 30th Morning at home rode to the Furnace about my Castings and farther South in relation to a claim due from A. Mays for rent of long standing of a tenement in the widow Gifford's house. Dem.d of the forenoon at the Cg. Hse writing with reference to the Port Soc.y & the M. W. T. A. Soc.y - Afternoon - again to the Furnace &c and then to the Cg. Hse - Evg. at home - Sarah Ann Chever and Georg.a Riddell with us at tea - Th. Riddell came to attend his daughter home - He will soon depart from our neighborhood having Sold his house & furniture &c with a view of Spending a few years in other places without the Care of a House & house keep.g

4th day 5 m.o 1 - Partially occupied in completing the arrangements for carrying into effect the intentions of the Ship Owners as Stated in their Circular, to their Captains or the Com.g Officers of their vessels, Dem.d & in the afternoon at the Cg Hse - Evg at home my exposure to a chilling air and high wind on 3.d day having increased my Cold so that I could not accompany Mr. Chev &c. who was engaged to tea at C. H. Morgans - I spent the evg in writing up my Ledger -

5th day 2 I rose oppressed with my Cold, but buried throughout the day with my accounts. C. H. Morgan called in the evg, as did Wm Hussey to see Ed.

6th Day 3d. Still Confined to the House, though better — Occupied in reading the Papers, of which I am much in arrear — My wife wrote to our friends to defer their visit for which they were engaged for this afternoon or ev.g — Bro: B. family included F. & E. Wells &c &c — on acct. of my continued indisposition. — the Synod proved that this might have been omitted as far as I was concerned as I might have participated without detriment in — and enjoyed the Company — but it was well that the Messages had been sent — as we learned this ev.g that Benj: little Sue has been ill since last ev.g with Croup — Dr. Read there in attendance most of the day — Sister Eliza called and reported that they were very anxious still as the Symptoms continued unabated. — a Thunder Storm about 8 Oclk. would have made the visit less convenient and pleasant, if no other cause had interfered —

7th day 4th At home most of the day on acct. of my Colds, walked to my Wharf about noon while ma chere H. was gone to Bro: Benj: to enquire after little Sue — The reports are favorable, though not yet wholly relieved I called to see Mother — gave directions in the forenoon for the testing of my Platform Scale, the State of the atmosphere being Calm — the inaccuracies proved to be trifling, and B. Swift the Sealer of Weights and Measures has now sanctioned it as correct. I was not present at the examination — wrote a letter to Thomas. — and in the afternoon and ev.g engaged in tracing the progress of

events relating to my controversy with G. Howland.

1st. day 5th Attended Meeting at Friends house of Worship after having walked to one or two places before breakfast to see the Com.ee of the P. Soc.y. whose duty it was to invite the Seamen to the Bethel — to give him some Temp.ce Papers to leave on his tour — With these exceptions I remained at home. being yet considerably afflicted with my Colds — B Rotch. his sister Joanna Cousin Mary & Ellen called in the afternoon. we learn that little Sue Rodman is better

2.d day 6th Occupied most of the day at home, made one excursion to the wharf & Store, attending to some business relating to the Ship Owners Circular on the way — Spent the afternoon and ev.g in writing a Cont.r to Jos Taber. Perry Russell & Barn.s Taber in relation to A Sheaman's refusal to give me a Certificate to prevent an injurious and incorrect inference being drawn from a phrase which he introduced without my authority in the Agreement which he drew up for G. H & my Signature — but which I rather inadvertently signed without correction. As the circumstances which might give it some importance, & have since occurred were totally unexpected. Frank took his Sister Sue to her Aunts in Fall River to day in the Buggy, to spend a few days — he returned towards ev.g — and Spent the balance of it at the Young Ladies Temp.ce Fair — Ma Cath H & Mary were at Dr. Reads after tea. my Cousin L. Russell's little daughter Mary visited our little Ellen this afternoon and ev.g.

3. day 7th Engaged at home part of the forenoon

preparing the Parlor lamps for use. by replacing the wicks from the bottles where they had been immersed in Alcohol as an experiment to prevent the necessity of removing the wicks at each burning after considerable intervals as heretofore, Attn: of the forenoon at the Cg. Hse &c — afternoon finished my Comn: to the colleagues of A. Shearman on the Board of Overseers, with reference to the refusal of the latter to give me the written explanation to do away the construction adverse to my interests which our Phrase introduced by him in the form of agreemt which he drew up to close the controversy heretofore existing between G.H. & myself, would bear, but which was contrary to the facts in the case — Spent a short time at the Cg. Hse, Eve at home — with our friends, Andw & Mary Robeson Frank & Eliz: Weld &c &c —

4th Day 8th — Spent some time after breakfast in refitting the lamps to be left unused, The immersion in Alcohol of the Wicks, has answered my expectation — Took Frank to the Rail Road Depot to make Thos a little Visit at Cambridge &c and rode to give directions to the workmen at my north lot, — Attn: of the day at the Cg. Hse &c — eve: at home — as were the others of the family — none unless it was ma chere H (who was too tired) being quite free enough of Colds &c to be at Sister Rebeccas Party — Sister Phebe being almost sick again. This day towards its Close, Capt: Fearing in attempting to pass over the land lately made by G. Howland in the line of Water Street to my lot wharf, with his double team and low heavy draught ~~empty~~ without a load when one of the hind Wheels became entangled with the large

Stones with which G. H. has been obstructing the passage so that it was near a quarter of an hour before he could get ashore, and then I believe with the help of G. H's men who then appeared with another load, to add to the obstructions. The first loads were deposited the latter part of last week, and first took my attention on 2 day last. — It may be now considered that his threat of Stopping the way which he had opened so as to be first passed by teams on the 26th of 2 mo. last is now carried into effect, as Capt. Fs team is probably the last that will make the attempt. — It has therefore been open 2 mos. & 12 days, in which time I have had a few ballast Stones carted from Rotch's 5th Wharf to back up the walls of my Platform Scale pit, on a part of two days, which is all the use that it has been to me personally, and I do not know that it has indirectly been of any advantage to me. That it will have the effect however to prevent some business coming to my Wharf, is quite probable, this will doubtless be a gratification to G. H. — Though I hope never to sympathise in his malicious joys, or to participate directly or indirectly in the unjust and iniquitous character — He has placed his Stones however several feet within my boundary line which I fear will compel me to institute a Suit at law against him in connection with his previous encroachment

5th day 9 H. After breakfast took measures for remedying a defect in the drain

from my 7th St. House, having learned yesterday that it had become obstructed in its proper passage & found its way into the Cellar — found the Connecting tube between the N & S. log passing from the Cis-pool under wood house and the E & W. log which communicated with the brick drain Stopped — removed the head of the latter log and have prepared to carry a brick connection from the outlet of the 1st log in same direction (Southerly) curving about 8 ft. from the wood house or end of S. log — and there running Cent till it unites with the other part of the drain — Measures to this effect occupied some time — Went with Wm Jones to the tailors &c — Then to the Cg. House — Afternoon gave attention to my Oil which has been some time prepared for Newyork — and was sometime at the Cg. House — about the plan of my Wharf lot, and the lots adjacent — G. Howland has now effectually Stopped the passage from Water St. to my wharf — and by so doing has had the satisfaction of diverting the Ship Milton whose owners had decided to discharge her at my wharf to his own —

6th Day 10th Occupied in relation to the job at my 7th St. House, and to the Shipment of some Oil to N. York A.M. Afternoon at the Cg. House Cg at home — A D Richmond's men yesterday began to Strip the lining from our Walls

water Cistern — it having again begun to leak — I purpose having it replaced with Copper — Thomas and Frank arrived from Cambridge this eg. we did not expect them till the train of to morrow forenoon — They are both well and Tho. seems to have done well and to the Satisfaction of the Faculty —

7th day 19th Gave my time to Cf. the unimprovements during the prin. part of the day getting them however late in the forenoon have called and attended to some business of my mothers and to finishing operation in regard to the recent measures of the Ship Owners to protect the men & their own property from the inconveniences resulting from crowding the Ships decks with idle people as they work into the harbor. — Ev. at home — C. C. Burleigh is again here and lectured on Anti Slavery this eg. but My health prevented me from being present —

1st day 12th Gave some attention to obtaining 12 Copies of the "Sheet Anchor" to put into the hand of the Com.ee for inviting the Seamen to attend the Religious Services at the Bethel, which involved a call at Cousin Jas. Arnold's and T. B. White's — Went to Fri. M.g. in the forenoon with Ma. dear H. Thos and the two little Girls — In the afternoon I was at the Mariner's Church — to hear the Rev. Mr. Webb of Edgartown, who is here as a Candidate for the Pastoral Charge to be vacated by Mr. Mudge on acct of his infirmities.

— Called at Mothers at the close of the meeting which was well attended and the services acceptable — Eng. at home — Thos made calls on his Grandmother Yesterday & Aunt Mary and at W. J. Rotch's this ev'g — Sally Hammond took tea with us — Sister Phebe is her room since 4th day last, but she is improving — and may be out of it in a day or two — Otis's little Clara — who has had the measles. is now helpless from inflam'y Rheumatism. or something Similar — Muscles extremely sensitive to touch or motion.

2 day 13th Occupied about home and at the Cg. House — in the ev'g at the Ann'l Mg. of the Trustees of Friends Academy at my Uncle Williams Office — When J. V. Beane stated the impossibility of doing what they ought to do to promote the progress of the Scholars from the Com'n that was attempted with the small number of teachers, to which the circumstances of the Institution confined them — And in order to make the Instruction more thorough and Satisfactory — he proposed to to confine the School hereafter to Girls and relinquish not only the attempt to fit the very few boys for College who are now desirous of that Course of instruction but which has required for them a very disproportionate share of the teachers attention with very unsatisfactory results but the whole Male department — The reasons for the Change having been considered it was voted unanimously to adopt

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3d. day 14th — Spent part of the forenoon at the Academy in conjunction with Thos. A Greene & Wm. H. Pleasants of the Standing Com.e & Jno. V. Beans, to examine and conclude on the repairs which were advisable to prepare for the proposed Change — — Spent of the forenoon & part of the afternoon at the Cg House we, at the lecture of Ch.s C Burleigh before the N. W. P. A Soc.y on the subject of the "Inebriates Home" — Met many present with me — The address was equal to my expectations from my experience of his ability on the subject of Slavery last Winter — and like them did great credit to both his head & his heart

4th. Day 15 — Occupied till near noon in relation to about a com.n from Jos.h Winslow of Hawse for the distribution of a sum of money which had been paid into his hands for the heirs of the late William Hoopes of Dunkirk & formerly of Nantuck et. to whose will my father was Executor — Then called with him Chas H. at John Bailey's to see C. C. Burleigh and his wife she being a daughter of Enoch Rimbey & niece of the 1st wife of my old master Lewis. — — Afternoon at the Cg House & Evg at home

5th. Day 16 — Went to the Cg. House before breakfast to have the room put in order — — found Capt Black of Barnstable Cg. here

to get my signature to his petition relative to an invention for preventing the obscuration of the lights in Lighthouses by the accumulation of ice & snow on the Lantern in Snow Storms — Went to the C.H. after breakfast & then to Mrs [illegible] had C.C. Burleigh and John Hoskins to dine found Gertrude Burleigh an artless agreeable woman and fam generally were pleased with her — they staid (except J. H.) till tea time but having an engagement for the Eve. at Fairhaven. they did not remain to tea. — after tea I went to the C.H. for a few minutes. Sem. of the W.J. at home — Thos & Lydia Green spent part of it with us — We have to day a letter from Andover whether I had had written with reference with reference to send Francis to School to fit for College.

6th day 17th At home before breakfast — The Copper Smiths have been employed in putting a copper lining to our Well Water Cistern, in place of the lead which had become corroded so as to let the water through & which was removed about a week ago — gave some attention to this business and devoted the rem. of the day to C.H. House duties — in the eve I joined the other members of the family in attending the Episcopal Church to hear Bish. A.P. Carttenson. I had not seen him before — his sermon was very doctrinal and though in strict accordance of course with the Episcopal faith was not interesting

to me — The address to the members who received the rite of Confirmation was sensible appropriate and of that practical character which w.d make it generally interesting — C. C. Burleigh lectured again this ev.g. at the Town Hall. The Bishop made a Call on Sister Phebe with M.r Lambert to day, which was very acceptable both to her and to ma chere H. 7.th day 18.th Spent the day at home, in the forenoon attending to the Operations of the Copper Smiths, to finish the lining of the Well water Cistern and afternoon and ev.g. in writing an article on temp.ce for the Advocate — In the ev.g. I pumped some water into the newly lined Cistern but had to let it off again as it proved to be imperfectly Soldered —
1.st day 19.th Attended Friends' meetings and also C. C. Burleigh's lecture at 2 O'Clk on Capital punishments, which was his characteristic eloquent and able Style — called at Aunt Mary's & at our neighbor Sally Russells with ma chere H., the latter being a visit of Condolence on the recent death in Boston of her daughter Mary Ann Dalton. her close was very peaceful, she had fulfilled her duties in a very exemplary manner a part of the time under very trying circumstances, — called also at Mothers and, we had a call from Mary Gifford towards ev.g. — Aunt Mary's disease is not any better — but her general health has improved since she abandoned the homeopathic regimen under Dr. Roche.

2. day 29th Occupied most of the day about home seeing to the work on the Water Works (the Cistern proving leaky — the men were here all day without making it tight) and in adjusting the posts at the front yard Gates — they having been started by the frost so as to throw the Gates out of their proper action — Afternoon Busily at the C.H. & then when I trespassed a little on the day but left in season to attend Dudley's Lecture at the T.H. in the evg.

3d day 30 Devoted the morning & forenoon to preparations at the C.H. &c for leaving home with Frank for Andover — but it being thot best to defer it till to morrow I resumed my C.H. home avocations & — Continued them employed till evg — Called at Mothers —

4th day 22. Occupied at home in some preliminary instructions on sundry points to be attended to in my absence part of the morning — and in similar or other preparatory operations at the C.H. &c till near the hour of the Starting of the Cars. when Ma chere H & Ellen Frank & Myself set off in them for Boston & Andover — Arrived at Boston about 6 O.Clk and took lodgings at the Marlboro. Hotel, and did a little Shopping with my wife in the evg — attended the Fam. worship & retired

5th day 23. Spent the morning before breakfast in walking to M. Elan Street, but was disappointed in learning that the man with whom I had some business to had left the City in the early train for Medford — — after breakfast attended to completing Frank's Wardrobe, and visited with ma chere H the children Cambridge and passed some hours with Thomas

and called at Mr Farrars, saw my Cousin Eli-
za who was very well, he husband more unwell
of late — and was then on a ride, which he
practices very frequently, as it affords him
temporary relief to mind & body — His nervous
system is very much deranged, suffers acute
pain in his arm, and sleeps very poorly —
— returned to the City to dine proposing to
go to Andover at 2½ Oclk. but finding that
there would be another train at 5½ Oclk.
we concluded to defer our departure till that
hour, walked a little about the City and went
to Sir Crawfords "Orpheus" which is considered
a work of Art by one of our Countrymen possess-
ing great merit and indicating decided genius
as in the Sculptor — there were several other
pieces by the same hand, a bust of the "Bride of
Abydos" of exquisite beauty — we were
at the Lowel Depot at the hour appointed
but there found that the Cars passing through
Andover would not start till 6 Oclk — I
passed the interim in observing the improve-
ments going on towards the water on the Scite of
the Depot — at 6 we set off in the Train for
Portland and in about an hour were at Andover
and went to the Mansion House on the domain
about half a mile S.E. of the Village, pertain-
ing to the Institutions Theological and Academic
on a fine elevated Plane which commands
an extensive view of the surrounding Country.
the surface of which is of a broken & undulating
Character. We walked a little before Supper

and I afterward called to see the Principal of the Technical Institution Samuel H. Taylor with whom I had had some correspondence, who appointed a time to call upon us and our fellow Townsman Capt. Stephen Merrihew who came with us from Boston with his son a fine boy of 12 years of age.

6th. day 24th. — Frank in his eagerness to greet one of his former School Companions Last 4th. having left his great Coat in the Car, we hastened down after breakfast to be at the Depot at 7 Oclk. to regain Possession of it — which effected we returned and near 8 Oclk. had a call from Mr. Taylor — On his departure, we went out to enquire for boarding Places for the Children, and by the recommendation of Mr. T. went first to the house of Mrs. Johnson, the widow of the former Principal — after examining her rooms and not being quite Satisfied, we returned to make further enquiries and examination — learnd from S. Merrihew, and Wm. T. Russell also from our Town who joined us with his Son at Mrs. Johnsons, that they had seen another house which looked more promising — and accordingly we all again set off and directed our Steps to that Place, which in its interior air of neatness and well furnished apartments fully justified the preference of our friends — and not less prepossessing were the host & hostess than their apartments — and after the requisite investigation and proper deliberation, our Son and the Children of our friends were there assigned to very Satisfactory Quarters, as far as we can now foresee. — after Dining at our lodgings the trunks were taken thither, and my wife attended to the arrange

ment of Franks Wardrobe &c. while I made a call on the Officers of the Ready and wrote a letter of advice for the guidance of his conduct when we can no longer keep a watchful eye over him — These duties together with some preparatory measures detained me from my Son's Quarters (William Peirce Book Seller) where my wife was till it was a little too late for the 5 O'Clk train, as I had the impression that the hour of departure was 5½ O'Clk — Our Medford friends has started, and we therefore made ourselves Contented and had tea with our Son and the other lads at their lodgings — which confirmed our opinion of the place — after tea I walked through part of the village to the Woollen Manf. on the Stream a little beyond it, and passed another or returning — & there was one other large one below, in view and by the State of one of the Respectives whom I saw, there are also several other establishments on the same Stream at no great distance — at 8 P.M. took leave of our Son & the other boys, and as I was in Boston, learned on our arrival at the "Marlboro'" that our Son had been in town & enquired for us on the arrival of the 5 O'Clk train, but as he did not find us he returned, probably not being aware that another train would arrive at 7-

— 7th Day 25 — Walked before breakfast to the Lowell Depot and saw Capt. Gifford, before the train started for Medford &c — attended to sundry items of business, and went with Mrs Chase to

and Ellen with Thos. who had come in again from Cambridge, to call at their Cousins Martha Tuttle's & Eliz.th Weld's — & returning went with little Ellen to see her little friend Eliz.th Chapman. — While I went to attend to my unfinished business in State Street &c — after doing went out again to attend to some things relating to Frank &c and Started finally for the N.H.B. Depot at 3¼ P.M. — took leave of Thomas at the Cars and proceeded through a gentle rain which began soon after we Started — to our place of residence and were brot. by Alex.r in his Cab to our house & had the comfort to find all well — I called late in the ev.g to see my mother, and leave a parcel at Sister Annas — Georg.a Riddell was with us at tea, as with her fr.d our daughter Mary part of the time of our absence.

1st day 26th. Attended Mgs. at Friends House of Worship in the day and at the 2d Christian Mg. house in the ev.g. Ma chere H. confined above Stairs with a cold, saw Mr. Howe at the close of the Mg. in relation to his Son who is going to Andover to School and will room in the same house as our Frank.

2d day 27 — Occupied much of the forenoon at home in writing &c — part of the afternoon also in illustrating for Judge Warren the matter at issue between Friend Pierce and me as Ex.rs — rem.d of the day at the C.H. &c called in at Mothers — ev.g. at home Ma chere H. Confined most of the day to her bed —

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3d. day 28th — Attended to the wants of the family at market, in the morng. Forenoon Spent in riding to my lots and attending to some business relating to the House on Allen St — looked over the papers till near 4 Oclk and finished the day at the C.H. House. W.S. at home — Ma Chue H. in her room but better —

4th. day 29th Devoted the morng. to writing to Frank and preparg. a parcel to send to him by a Son of the Rev. Moses Howe who went in the morng train for Boston & Andover. I saw him at the R.R. Depot — a Son of Benj. Cummings was in the Compy with the same destination — remr of the day devoted to C.H. House duties — evg after dark, at home. — Ma Chue H. continues quite unwell — and in her room

5th. day 30th Went to the whf & C.H. before breakfast — Read some work done on the Sett of the Shop which I had removed in compliance with the agreement with Geo Howland which he malevolently violated — Morng. the earth on the S.W. corner — paid some attention to my Scow No. 2 — now in use with the Pile Driver. She having admitted some water to the inconvenience of the Workmen — made an experiment with the Submarineous examiner in the dock north of my whf, where the wall to be comd the Steam Mill build by H.G. Snell is to be — but the experiment was partially de-

fented by the tin pouring too thin to resist the pressure of the water and it was collapsed — the remr. of the day was given to C.G. duties — after a late supper went with Mr. Morgan to bot. Wms to consult about a Sea wall at Fall River against our respective lots — His son Alfred leaves to morrow to take passage from Boston in the Steam Ship Britannia for Liverpool his parents & others of his friends will go with him to Boston — he called to take leave of us yesterday

6th Day 31st In the morning attended to the removal of some stones from the Seat of the Shop removed from my S. line of the Wh. lot to get down to the original Stone — a foundation — Remainder of the day at the C.G. Hse, except some time spent in finding the cause of the leak in the water pipes — ascertained that it was occasioned by a nail driven through the N.W. corner of the lower Shelf on the east side of the closet in the 3d Story N.W. Room which passed into the connecting pipes of the two Cisterns — removed somewhat late at the C.G. House, but the bad lights obliged me to desist before I had accomplished much by their aid — Mrs. Chen th rather better but Dr. Read finds her with a slight tendency to fever

7th Day 6m. 1 — Spent some time before breakfast at the wharf lot getting a few stones from the old foundation of the Shop removed last year — after breakfast went with Edmund to Fall River

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to make enquiries and examinations relative to a Sea wall against my bro.ths Wm & Charles & my own lands for wharf privileges — returned late in the eve not being able to confer finally with Mr Dawson of the R.R. contractors till after Sun set — the weather very fine & the tide favorable for my investigations — I alighted from the Cig at Kemptons Corner and went to the Store to take the Key — & got home a little before 12 —

1st Day 2d Attended mgs — at our own Soc.y house and also at the Bethel in the afternoon — went to the Jail to deliver some Temp.ce Papers for the prisoners — called at Brothers at the arrival of the mail in the morng. & again in the eve — and went thence with C.W. Morgan to bro.r Wms to give them the result of my trip to Falls River — Sermon at the Bethel by W. M.c Reddings a Candidate for the pastoral Charge

2. Day 3d Went to the Work before breakfast — and spent the day chiefly there and at the Cg House — in the afternoon made a trial of my instrument for seeing under water since a new & stronger tube has been applied — but the junction with the glass proved to be imperfect so that the water got in and frustrated the experiment — Called after a late supper to see the Chairman of the Select men in relation to the Town Meeting which they are about to issue a warrant for

4th Day 5th part of the forenoon in writing an Article for the News
Occupied & about my Affairs at the Whf & C.H. House, making two Trips to the R.R. Depot for mail letters &c — on one occasion by Capt Merrihews wife to our Francis at Andover — I was detained late in the eve with my workmen in exploring at the low tide level the former site of the original Cooper's Shop of Asa Russell before its removal Last winter a year under my agreement with Geo. Howland — this I did with the expectation that I might find Stones laid by Geo Howland in continuation of his line eastward before my first removal of the Shop in 1824 — but in this I was disappointed — the result proving that the removal took place before he had made such extension at that Point — after getting home between 9 & 10 Oclk I went to our Cousin James Arnolds, Edm., Mary & Sister P. having preceded me, by invitation to join a large Party convened in honor of the Governor of the State John Briggs who is their guest, he having arrived by the Rail Roads last eve — with some distinguished Boston Citizens on their way to Nantucket — But the Company were disappointed of seeing the Governor, he being confined to his room by a Cold which he had contracted and which developed itself since a ride about the Town and his meeting with some of our Citizens at the Town Hall at 12 Oclk to day — I did go to greet him there in consequence of my pressing engagements and My expectation of seeing him this eve — Had a call from Saml. Hankins Surveyor, at the Store this afternoon

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5th. Day 6th. Left Town about 6 Oclk with Samuel Hawkins for Fall River to examine the depth of water &c off the "Rodman Farm" we were at Micahs about 8 Oclk and after I had breakfasted with him we all took a walk to the Shore at Bowen Ville, after examining which I made the requisite arrangements Staking out the lines at desirable points of the respective lots of my brothers Wm & Charles & me, but the wind being rather fresh at South West the water was so rough that we could not succeed and were compelled to abandon it — Dined at the Slade House, but the wind continuing the business was necessarily postponed. Isaac Francis joined us from Wmsburg in the afternoon — and I went with him to examine the Wharves which have been built in Fall River — which did not strike him as being very skilfully or symetrically constructed — I spent some time with him in examining a planing & [illegible] mill and also the extensive and interesting operations at the Iron Works there, after making arrangements for repeating our endeavors to accomplish our object in the morning when probably the air would be more calm I took supper at the Slade House and went to my brother in law M. K. Ruggles to lodge — and had some conversation with him respecting my plan for making Safe Berths for vessels and what accommodations of great extent and Convenience against our whole line of Shore, which is what only this place only requires to give it ultimate

by & Commercial advantages equal to almost any place in New England, and by the means of the Rail Roads now planned or anticipated likely to share largely in the Commerce of the Boston Merchants.

6th Day 7th Rose early (at Fall River) agreeably to our previous arrangements and proceeded to put in motion our assistants in the Survey — The weather being very propitious we got on very well and finished the staking out about ½ past 9 to 10 A.M. when we went to breakfast and shortly after left with J. Francis for home leaving S. Harris to complete the Survey and Sounding — got home about half past 1 O'Clk — and remained in the house writing &c the rem.r of the day.

7th Day 8th Occupied the forenoon about home arranging Pamphlets to ascertain the missing numbers of the Com. Sch. J.r &c. about 12 O'clk. Called with our Son Edmund to see Gov.r Briggs at our cousin J. Arnold's But as he was asleep we were in this disappointed — but we saw his wife however and shall repeat the endeavor to morrow he is considerably better than he was on 4th day eve — I was empl.d till 3 O'clk at in the forenoon — afterwards at the Cg. House &c till dark — then at home

1st Day 9th Attended meetings as usual Sybil Jones a minister from Maine was there and preached in the forenoon to a large audience in an acceptable and very fluent manner — In the afternoon she

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was silent — The meeting closing rather early on acc^t of a threatened tempest. It begun to rain about 5 Oclk and there was a copious shower with several heavy peals of thunder between that hour and Six Oclk P.M. Evg Spent at home

2^d. day 10 Attended to my Concerns at the Cg House &c most of the day had as a mate Sister Eliza Ellen Drinker & Lydia Green after that meat I went by invitation to Mr. Jackson's to meet the Com^e of the Bethel for Supplying the Station to be shortly Vacated by the present venerable and worthy Missionary —

3^d. day 11^th. went to the Cg House before breakfast and rode into the Country to see about 2 stone Posts for the East side of the lower barn yard fence — and to some other Concerns rest of the day mostly at the Cg House. Spent a short time at the Court (Common Pleas) on the request of J. H. W. Page — Judge Cummings presiding — as the Case did not appear likely to come on soon and as my testimony was unimportant on the point at issue, I withdrew. Staid till dark at the Cg. House and then made a Call at A. Robeson's to converse upon my Fall River Wharf business —

4^th. day 12^th. Left home ab^t 6 Oclk for Fall River via Wrapport — Stopped at Bassett's Quarry to make some enquiry about Stone for our Wharf building & made a cursory examination of Dodd's Quarry on my brother Wm. P. Rodman's part of the ledge district of the family farm. Mr. Reed showed me

about it and some of the Blocks columns. Capitals and Cornice & Entablature or architraves which they had executed for the new Town Hall — there are two Solid Columns and the Capitals for them in a Style approaching the Corinthian are as fine Specimens of Granite Cutting as I have seen — The Hall will be the largest in the State. and I think will be a magnificent building — The excavation in the rock or ledge appears very Small for the large quantities wch they have been taking away for the last ten or twenty years — — Thence I went to M. H. Ruggles Farm land where G. Moore is getting out Stones from the detached rocks with which the Surface is very heavily loaded — passing through this to Locust Street I explored to some extent the north division of the farm, and went a little beyond where I found Luther Anthony formerly of this place who did principal Carpenters work on the Friends Meeting House, he has a tasteful Cottage on that very elevated portion of the environs of the Town — left my wagon at M. H. Ruggles and Spent the after noon dining at Lawtons in attending to the business relating to the Wharf work — Made some additional Survey of the harbor and land about Bowenville with a young Surveyor by the name of Godfrey — Saw Mr. Moore at M. H. R's in the eve where I remained for the night Sister Lydia & Company were at Albany on 7th day last on their route Westward —

5 day 13th Rose early and continued my attention to the business through the day — treating

with persons for the Contract on my brothers portion of the Shore and making a bargain with Gardner Morse for supplying the stones which I shall need for my part of the Job, enquiring about Scows &c &c — meeting with more obstacles to a Satisfactory result than I anticipated. agreed with G. Morse to deliver the Stones which I shall want at 37½ ¢ P. for taking them from My own or my mothers land — but if it proved that this price was too low to make to him a fair compensation for his labor and teams I am to give 40¢ But judging from the current prices here, at N. Bedford, in connection with the greater distance that they are drawn here, and the less exposed position of the Rocks here, usually obtained for both casting purposes as well as others, than those above designated, I think the stipulated price will be found to be a remunerating one — I left F. River about 7¾ ℄ arrived at home a little after 10℄. the W. was cloudy but the ride not unpleasant

6th day 14th Attended to my concerns at the Whf and Ch House — which tasked me pretty assiduously, till the Shades of eve interrupted my task — after a late Supper I had a call from Geo. T. Bickwith the Agt. of the Plan Society — who passed an hour with me in conversation on the Subject, the extension & progress of just sentiments, as shown at the late General Convention in London last year &c &c. Eliz.ᵇ Randall & Georgiana Riddell, were with the family at tea &c

7th day 15th At the Cg. House before breakfast — Gave some attention to a temporary improvement of the entrance to my mother's house made unsafe for her by the lowering of the Street and Sidewalk. had one of my Granite Steps which were taken from the West door of my house, placed in the offset — Afternoon attended the funeral Solemnities consequent on the Sudden death of William Eddy's wife (in child bed) yesterday morn — Called to see S Leonard in relation to a Pump to work by wind to elevate the Small Quy. of Sea Water required to wet the Sea weed Shed at my Mothers Oil Works — Mm.t of the afternoon at the Cg. House & till dark —

1st day 16th Attended Friends' Meeting AM & PM which were attended by Sybil Jones & her Husband both of whom preached — I also attended the mariners Church and heard the Pastoral Offices discharged by Mr. Mudge with great Satisfaction — He will shortly leave us, but I much fear that we shall never look upon his equal in the Same Station. The absence of his devoted and judicious Services in relation to the Spiritual and temporal interests of Seamen I fear will be a Public loss in this Community — after the last Mg. of My attendance I called at Sister Rebecca's to See Wm. R Robeson before his return to Fall River Rhd Island & Sister Sue called this afternoon and I arranged to go with him to Fall River to-morrow

2d day 17th after various preliminary arrangements I rode to my brother Bi and took a seat with him in his buggy with two horses for F. River, where I passed the day in attending to my wharf project, dined at Lawton's

and got home about 7 Oclk — Stopped at the Wharf and called at mothers — on my way home

3.d day 18.th Went to the Wharf to make arrangements for the two Irishmen who Came to work at the Candle Works &c — a considerable part of the forenoon similarly occupied, rem.r of the day at the Cg House &c till 10 Cg. — Made some examination for a Saw dropped into Snells dock but having a very poor chance for a fair examination did not succeed. D.R. Peirce had the instrument — but the numerous piles which had been driven prevented its being freely used over the place where it probably lodged. Towards evening D.R. Peirce 4.th day 19.th assisted me in getting the Level of the Oil Yard with reference to the Tide Waters in order to cut the Channel to the reservoir which I propose sinking to meet the Seaweed Shed

4.th day 19.th Gave some attention to the work at the Oil Yard — and devoted the remainder of the day to my Concerns at the Cg House &c. at home after a late Supper, except walking home with Eliza Perry & Miss Osgood on the adj.t of the French Class which met here this ev.g —

5.th day 20.th Having Concluded last ev.g to go this day to Fall River & Newport to examine Nath.l Ruggles Scow with reference to the purchase of her for my wharf business — having despatched by the early Stage a line to M. H. Ruggles to give notice to the Ship Wright Joseph Crandall of my wish that he should accompany me, having addressed a letter to Wm M Carey Phil.a with reference to his pecuniary difficulties, growing out of the

late disgraceful and Melancholy Riots, and the bitter hatred which has resulted in the new Party (Native Am.) against the Catholic Irish, Left off about 7 o'Clk — was at F River at 10 — but found that no measures had been taken in regard to my further progress, my letter to my bro in Law not having been delivered — after the delay incidental on that neglect. Left off with a fresh horse for Newport, where we arrived after a warm but pleasant ride about 2 O'Clk, after dining at Townsends I went with Mr Crandall to the Shipyard of Mr Cottenal and examined the Scow, which I found in very bad order, worm eaten to some extent, how much cannot be ascertained without raising her on a Rail way or blocks, her Iron fastening probably destroyed with the exception, a small quantity which was driven when some slight repairs were made, two years since. — after leaving the Scow I went to the Bellevue, and saw Edmund who said he was not well having been made unwell as he supposed by eating Green Peas, he had been confined to his room a day or two, he gave me special charges not to mention his indisposition to his mother, and said he expected to come home on 7th day — Wm Hazard showed me round the premises, which were in fine order and very well and liberally furnished. He seemed quite encouraged as to the prospect of patronage — which they doubtless will have if they prove themselves attentive and well qualified for the station of keepers of a good Hotel during the short travelling & watering Season at that Salubrious and beautiful place. left Newport at 6 O'Clk, had

a very pleasant ride by the river Side (turnpike) from the Stone bridge, the Water beautiful and tranquil as a "Summers Sea" reflecting the beautiful tints of the rich and gorgeous Western Sky, and reached Fall River at 9 O'clk where I parted with my very agreeable Shipwright Mr. Crandall and was soon on my way for home where I arrived about 11¼ O'clk and after some difficulty from the sound Slumbers of the family, gained admittance, and resigned my horse to Jack who answered from his brothers, at almost the first Call retired to rest. I should mention here an extraordinary occurrence which took place against my lot in Second Street as I had left the Cg. Hse. with my letter to Mr. Garvy, to Start On my jaunt — I there accidentally met James Durfee Jr, to whom I gave the usual courteous Salutation, as he appeared to halt I did the Same, when he remarked that the Pile of Stones (obstructing Water Street) laid there yet, I answered yes and I Saw no prospect of their removal. — And said I did not know why a passage was not opened northerly through Sneli's lot to his, as Snell & he had agreed to refer to the judgement of others, I saw no impediment if such passage was desirable to him as he had before professed. On this simple, and as far as I can see, on this review, quite unexceptionable remark as to matter or manner he broke out into a violent and attack upon my Conduct, Charging me with being the Cause of his loss and disappointment, after he had Spent $2000. to make the way for the Street in continuance of Water Street over his lot. after I had in-

some measure caused the expenditure by recommending his placing his building with reference to such Continuance — I disputed the Charge as altogether unwarranted and unjust, but this had only the effect to make him vituperate in the most rude and offensive manner, contradicting repeatedly my declarations of fact in regard to the permission which I had originally given to A.G. Snell & D.R. Peirce to pass freely over my land in going to and from the lot which had been extended by my encouragement contiguous to mine to accommodate D.R. Peirce's lumber which in the previous years had encumbered my wharf. a permission whether formally stated or not at the time was in my view fully implied in my action in the Case, and confirmed as soon as the occasion for its expression in words occurred — a permission I told him which I should as freely have granted to him or any one else under similar circumstances, and which was given in this Case without the most distant view of injuring him or any one else by so doing, and without any suspicion that it could have the least effect otherwise than a favorable one, on the then very distant prospect of the northerly Continuance of Water Street — G. Howland having in the most unjust manner denied to me all use of the Street, as already extended, in great degree by my own instrumentality, as far as his lot, by refusing to prepare at very small expense a temporary way across his lot to mine west of my Store — and J.D. having in the extension of his wharf at that time, declared all reference to the Continuance at his Charge at least, of D. Street to Maxfield Street, probably from the apparent hopelessness of the execution of it within any reasonable period. He said that he could prove that my statements were untrue, that

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I had acted in the most rascally manner that others condemned me not excepting my superiors in the Meeting. I asked him to name them. He said Wm Sherman and Francis Taber. I told him I should like to see them face to face. he said he should like it too, and that if I did not call it up to them that he should. I told him I was perfectly willing to meet him in my justification before them or any other tribunal — assured him that I had entertained none but friendly feelings towards him and that he had now made a most unjust, dishonorable & unmanly return. I make this record the morning after the occurrence

6th day 21st Morning and part of the forenoon at home, then to the Oil yard and Cg House — afternoon at home writing a notice of the Rev. W. Mudge under the direction of the Executive Board of the Port Society to be entered on the records of the Board as a testimonial of the estimate in which his Character & Services are held by the Society and this Com — Mr Lambert & his little niece took tea with us, after which I made my excuse for leaving and went to close my Store & then to the 2nd Day Mg. of the Ex. Com. of the Port Society — At which a vote was passed and a Com. appointed to invite the Rev. Moses Howe to fill the Station shortly to be vacated by Mr. Mudge.

7th day 22 At home and at the Cg house in the forenoon, had some consultation with Wilcox & Richmond about the removal of the Store on Robeson's Wharf — and in the after

noon rode out to Isaac Jennings and bro^t him in to see about laying the Stones — latter part of the afternoon at the C.H. Hse — e.m. at home 1^st day 23 — visited the Seamen's boarding houses and distributed Temp^ce Papers among them. At Friends' meetings and also at the afternoon service at the Mariner's Ch^ce — made a call at Aunt Mary's at the close of Friends' M^g Pole — at this m.m. Rachel Howland appeared in supplication, her voice was so low that I could not understand much that she said — After my round among the Board.g Houses I called at John Hillman's and mentioned to him the extraordinary occurrence on 5^th day m.m — and asked him to see J.D.J. his brother in law and to propose to him to meet me in his J.H^s. presence and that of his bro^r Zach.^h if agreeable, to have a calm investigation of his grounds of dissatisfaction with me, that if not well founded his hostile feelings as indicated on 5^th day m.m might be removed —

2^d day 24^th Occupied considerably in read.g the 1^st number of the "Union Missionary" and in replacing the casing of the Cistern after examining the Valves of that for Well water — at noon went with M^r Carpenter of Providence to see the Site to which my Store is to be removed — and was at the C.H. Room afterward till late dinner time — afternoon at home till after the time of my Met.^l obs^n — read the Missionary — then to the C.H. Hse, & staid till near 9 Oclk. in some further trial of my Sub-aqueous examina-

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The light lamp burned perfectly well at the bottom of the tube. but on immersing it it proved again not light and defeated the experiment — Edmund got home to day having lodged last night at the Stone bridge — he seems pretty well again

3d day 25th Occupied at the C.G. House the most of the day. Called abt 12 O'clk. with ma chez H. to see Robt & Hannah Amey at Joshua Richmond's — had a short conversation with Jethro Hillman on the subject alluded to in my note of 1st Clay last. who said that J.D. would like to meet me with a mutual friend & went. A. Robeson I told him my only objection to another than J.H was that I wd rather that the knowledge of the occurrence should not be widely spread — that I expected to be absent from Town tomor. but would like to see him soon after. latter part of ev at home making some preparation for enlightening our friends to-morrow ev.

4th day 26th As early as I well could make my arrangements I set off for Falls River to meet my workmen on the Water Lot — On my arrival I found that Oliver Swinnon's 3 men & 1 of Owen were there, with two others of my own engagement — were at work but that O.S. himself was taken ill and had returned home. Made some admeasurements &c with Mr Godfrey to ascertain the position of the West line of the Road lately laid out by the C. Com^rs along this shore — about 5 O'clk set off for

home to meet R.H. Murray and their friends viz Jos King Jun.r & Jun.r and his daughter — Geo L. Kelly Hussey and three of their children, Geo Howland & Dwife, &c &c — mother & Sister Elisa were also here and we had a pleas.t time —

5.th day 27 Again I went to Fall River to see about the Streets which I purpose opening to the Shore from Main Street — walked to Job Snell's on an errand for A.G. Snell — got Sett. H. Ingalls to take the levels of my N.o lot where my road is to be cut (in Cedar St.) for the Lett.d Mfg.r — called several times at Sister Lydia's — got home about 9 Oclk.

6.th day Spent most of the forenoon in calculating the Cuts on the road in F. River — afternoon at the Oil yard & Cg. House &c. On my return home called at Mothers, and remained with her in consequence of her uneasiness on acc.t of the late absence of Eliza who went to Lon. Plain with some female friends this afternoon in the Carriage to make a visit to Abby Howland — took my Supper there — Sister E arrived about 9.h Oclk. — I found Jos. Lincoln at our house on a visit to Edw.d a School friend of Ed.d

7.th day 29 Went to Fall River with Bro. Andrew this morn.g — breakfasted at Nicoli's and attended to my concerns there, found that Mary Ruggles was unwell, Charles rather better — got home after a pleasant ride about 7 Oclk and after Supper went to a Special Meeting of the Ex.ve Bd. of the P.t Soc.y. Called at Mothers, and attended

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Cousin Eliz.h & Eliza Bonsey to the home of the latter —

1st day 30th. before Breakfast read the Temp.ce Journal for June and then went the round of the Seamen's Boarding Houses and distributed the Copies which I had at the same time that I invited the Seamen to the Bethel — Attended Friends' Meetings — and the Seamen's in the afternoon — Lindley M Hoag preached Acts 4 Jo.s Bourne Pslm — both very well, but not as well as either was the Sermon & Services at the Bethel by

the audience on each occasion was very good

7 Mo 1 — 2.d day In addition to our young friend James Lenick we had the company of Samuel Kimber Morey at tea. and Gilbert Russell was here in the eve.g

2.d day 7 Mo 1 — Our young friend J. Lenick went to the R. R. Depot this morg. to join his friend Robert Morey & Son on their departure for Boston but they got there a little, say one minute too late and he took the cars in the afternoon our nephew Robinson Morgan one of his Haverford acquaintances dined with us. J L. is a very interesting young man, modest pure minded and prepossessing in his manners and not lacking for his years in intelligence and information — I have seldom seen a young man who has pleased me so much. he is a good illustration of a sensible young man bro.t up under the favorable influences of good Society & consistent Friends. I spent

the day principally at the Cg. Hse &c — Called on Thomas North and Stephen A. Potter at the instance of Wilcox & Richmond about the division line between the Thurston Potter Lot and our joint wharf lot. A Roberson having lately sold his interest therein to W & R — Mrs Chase, H & some of the Children went to Cousin James Arnold's Garden to see the numerous flowers of the Night blooming Cereus this ev.g. expected to be developed — the Grounds being Partially illuminated for the purpose of giving the Children of the Schools in town an opportunity to see this transient flower unsurpassed for beauty or fragrance —

3d day 2d Engaged about home after breakfast with A. Craigie Coppersmith in removing the leaden worm from our hot water kettle intended to supply the Bath tub at any hour with Warm Water, but it has been for a long time imperfect so that we could have little benefit from it — it was found somewhat corroded, and replaced by the head of water — Rem.r of the day devoted to Cg. Hse and other duties — in the ev.g. at a meet.g of the Finance Com.e of the Port Soc.y —

4th Day 3d Occupied part of the forenoon in getting the bolt that secures the mangle cylinder to the axis renewed and in filling my little printing press for use for the Port Soc.y — called at the Hse of Cor.s to see Paige about it — Rem.r of the day at the Cg Hse and in

attendg to the work near the Oil Yard — left the C.G. House about 9 O'clk for a late Supper &c

5th day 4th Occupied through the day at the C.G. House &c, giving some time to the work at the Oil Yard which was not interrupted wholly by the general suspension of business on this National anniversary — Eg at home, the two Miss Weston and their little niece Eliz. Chesh with us at tea &c.

6th day 5th — Occupied about my business at the wharf and the Oil works. The Men from Providence being about moving my Store from the north abutment to the Main Wharf — I have a number of men digging the Cellar, the arrangements for which called me out early in the morng and occupied me till a very late breakfast hour, and I was also late at my other meals

7th day 6th Went with D.P. Faira before breakfast to see about the Mill frame &c. I purpose erecting in the Oil Yard — rem. of the day given to my business at the C.G. Hse, Wharf &c — I find that my original plan of driving Piles for the foundation of my Store now in process of removal which I hoped might not be necessary must be adhered to — Called on Jno. C. Harkell in the eg in reference to the Pile driver — and after a late

Supper called at our Cousin Arnolds' to attend
my wife home She having gone there early
in the eve. Cousin James Rose has been in Bos-
ton attending the Exec. Council returned this eve.
1st day 7th Called before breakfast, to get and de-
liver for distribution at the Boarding Houses
some Copies of the "Sheet Anchor" Attended
Meeting at Friends place of Worship A.M.
& P.M., and in the eve. say at 6 O'Clk. went
to the Wm Street (Baptist) Meeting house to
hear Enoch Mudge's farewell address to the
Port Society and inhabitants prior to his re-
tirement from the post of agent, and
Pastor of the Bethel which he has most
acceptably and usefully filled for the
last twelve years — The house was
well filled and the discourse very ap-
propriate and will I trust have the
effect to give a new impulse to this
important objects of Philanthropy which
the Port Soc. was instituted to promote
2d day 8th — The operations at the wharf preparatory & incidental to the removal of the Store
which was originally built over the Water for
a Cooperage for David Baxter, and since de-
linquished by him, used as a Carpenters Shop
by Jas H Mendell & Co Ship Carpenters — from
the Abutment to the centre of the main wharf
— Digging a Cellar on the proposed site as at
the bottom appeared to be not sufficiently firm
for a good foundation, I had the Pile driven
on — from Fish Island to drive piles to afford

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four posts of support for the Cellar Wall and the transverse timbers

3. day I the Occupied assiduously in relation to the business at the wharf. Taking some of my meals as for a day or two past in advance of the family to give me an opportunity to superintend the work — made the necessary preliminary arrangements and succeeded in driving One pile which met with a much firmer resistance than I had anticipated so that my pains and anxiety in reg and to providing the probable quantity of logs might perhaps have been spared — in the wg. by previous appointment I met James Dungan & with Tho Taber, Abr Shearman Jethro Hillman and Bro Andrew with reference to the charges which he so unwarrantably assailed me with on the 20th Ult — — J D utterly failed to justify the Course which he had taken on the occasion although the two Overseers had given an unbiassed opinion as they alleged. some reason for J.D. unfounded jealousy — I believe I succeeded in making it clear to Jethro & Andw and perhaps to the Overseers, who are extremely reserved in committing themselves by any expression of disapprobation towards George that the latter was the Cause of all the difficulty which had arisen about the Continuation of water S. Northward — James too was to some extent corrected in his notions and found no countenance for his prejudice against me

in those whose age and other disqualifying circumstances permitted them to see the whole matter in its true light — The meeting was at my Br. House and closed about 10 O'clk

4th. day 16th. Engaged in the oversight of the business at the Wharf — taking my Meals rather in advance of the family to be able to give my personal attention more uninterruptedly to the workmen. The experiment in driving the Piles shows that a much less number than I had supposed will be necessary, few of them going more than 10 feet below the bottom of the cedar through driven by the momentum of 1100 lbs. falling through the Space of about 25 feet.

5th. day 17th. Occupied as yesterday, in seeing to the workmen at the wharf &c — Went with Ma Chace H. & the family to take tea at Brother Benj.'s — where were Mother & Sister Elvira — A Roberson paid some attention to the accounts of the dissatisfaction in regard to

6th. day 18th. My Workmen Chiefly engaged my attention — The Pile Driving gang finished their Job — 20 piles being driven to support the Main posts of the building — The machine was left on the Wharf to accommodate A.G. Snell in repairing work — Returned early to tea having a visit from Wm. & Mrs. Mudge, Mother Elvira and Mary Dinner — It was the first time that Wm. M. has taken a meal with us though he has been before asked — Mrs. M. was with us on one former occasion — This was a very satisfactory visit — Wm. M. addressed the Children at

the close of the meals, and then made a fulsome and appropriate prayer. They left us as it began to grow dark — and mother Elvira & Mary at a later hour

7th Day 13th Occupied Chiefly at the Whf &c — gave some attention to doings of the Surveyor in running out Water St. to enable Wilcox & Richmond to place the Stone on Robeson's Wharf according to their wishes on the corner of North & Water Streets — went to the Town Clerk's Office and made extracts from the Records of the laying out of Sd Streets — by which it appears that the Town Surveyor in this work this forenoon to find the west line of Water Street went upon wrong data — and therefore arrived at an erroneous conclusion. — Our Son Thomas arrived last eve from Cambridge in good health — The Shaving passed Successfully through his Sophomore year — 1st day 14th Rose early and prepared some Temp.ce Papers with the aid of my printing presses for distribution at the different Seamens boarding houses and after breakfast went forth to put them in the hands of the Conductors of the month or in default of finding him prepared to act, to distribute them myself — I did the latter — Attend Friends forenoon meeting and went in the afternoon to hear W. Hunt's Farewell Sermon to the Seamen — The house was filled before I got there, but by taking a position

just without the Door I was able to hear the Services with slight exception — his discourse was directed principally to a review of the Course which he had pursued in the discharge of his duties, in their several departments, which have been attended with very good results, such as to commend them to the imitation of his successor Mr. Howe who was present on the occasion — At the Close of this meeting I went, as I have usually done since the hour has been altered, to my own meeting, but owing to the unusual length of the Services at the Bethel, I was too late to hear all of the preaching — Martha Hodges and were there I heard the latter — called a few minutes at Mothers in the Eve — and then heard the little girls read from the Bible &c — Mother & the other children except Thos. being at the Episcopal Meeting —

2. day 15th Gave the day to my business duties at home, the Cs. here Newhall &c — We had the Company of Mother & Sister Elvira and Bro. Benj.n's family viz. Sr. Eliz. Wales at tea —

3. day 16th The blessing of a copious rain to refresh the thirsty Soil and give new vigor to the drooping vegetable Kingdom putting a Stop to External Operations I remained at home through the day read.g & writing — The rain stopped towards Eve —

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4th 17th Made preparations in the morning for leaving home and between 9 & 10 O'Clk left for Fall River to see after my wharf enterprise there — Found that the men had come in that day viz Mr. Simmons & 2 others — left for home about 5 & arrived about 8 — and spent the remr of the evg till near 11 in making preparation for sending my small Scow to Fall River by the Prov. Packet

5th Day 18th Rose early to make some additional preparation for getting small Scow in two of the Sloops — which were completed so that they were under way about 6 A OClk with a fair light wind — I was engaged through the day in personally attending to the work at the Oil yard the Stone Cellar Wharf &c &c — took all of my meals after the fam.

6th day 19th Occupied in forwarding my work at the Wharf considerably in relation to measures for Overturning my large Scow to put her bottom in order for the Fall River wharf job now a little anticipated by the accident of breaking her mast yesterday by the negligence of the workmen — the Chain designed to hold up the side next the Wharf in the triangular Slip as the tide fell parted by the driving a loaded team over the taught Chain which crossed the road way to the main Wharf and which by the displacing of a heavy block of stone

ber which was laid on to keep it from rising with the strain, was elevated about 18 inches above the ground — restored the Chains to make another experiment at the high tide in the eve, when A.G. Snell and myself re-adjusted the Chains by an hour's work after midnight — Sister Anna & her daughter took tea and spent the eve. with us — and after they left us I went to the wharf — there was a light rain which made the job rather disagreeable.

7th Day 20th — Occupied in the morning, as I was yesterday P.M. in making a plan & Specification for my barn at Fall River to accommodate my wharfing operations — and after breakfast went to the wharf and was gratified by finding the Scow bottom up — it took however a heavy purchase to throw her over from the inclined position given her by the falling tide viz the power of four horses at the fall of a hearing out 6 fold tackle — had the bottom and sides scraped and attended to the removal of my platform W.J. machine from the lot of the late Deacon Dunham, with a view of repairing it and sending it to Fall River to work the stones of my proposed wharf. — Had a small fire engine repaired by A.D. Richmond & Co. for the purpose of expelling the water from the reversed Scow by throwing air through her bottom. Had a call at the

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Hobart from Phineas Janney of Alexa. who is here with his wife and niece on his way to Nova Scotia and Quebec &c — 1st day 21st In the morning went forth to prompt the Bethel Missionary to his duty as visiter of the Brandy Houses to invite Seamen to give their attendance at Church found him unable to attend and after some time found a substitute in Capt. Chas. Wood who has always been much interested in the Cause — being in the lower part of the Town I called at mothers & the Post Office and did an errand for my wife in reference to an expected visit from our friends from Alexa. after breakfast called at the Packer House with Thomas, and accompanied our ~~Alx~~ friends to meeting — My wife meeting us at the door to conduct Sarah Janney and her niece Rebecca Stabler daughter of the highly intellectual and estimable friend Edward Stabler dec — — After mtg. I accompanied them to their lodgings — Called at mothers after dinner and attended mtg. in the afternoon — Called after it at Aunt Mary's and at tea had the Company of our Alexa. friends and Nancy Maxwell with my mother and sister Eliza —

2d. day 2d. Our Son Edmund left in the R. R. Train for Providence and Smithfield in the morning after breakfast I called at my uncle Williams, and then took some measures to obtain the necessary Conveyances to P.

Janney & party — then attended to my operations at the wharf till noon — when I called to invite our friends to ride in the afternoon which they accepted — Ma chere H. going with them to the Point & over County St. Prior to their stopping at Mothers to tea — where the others of our fam.y the two little girls excepted were also — in the ev.g. Ma chere H. was called away on acc.t of the expected confin.t of our niece Emily, wife of Wm Platt, and the rest of us say the party excepting Mother & our Rob.t went with our friends to Jo.s Grinnells where they were invited to see the beautiful night bloom in [illegible] which was expected to open, but in this they were disappointed, as was tho.t that a day or two more would be required to perfect the flower — They had however a pleasant visit, and we retired about 10 Oclk — Nancy Maxwell was with us at Mothers and J. G.s —

3.d day. 23.d Chiefly occupied in superintending the work at the Wharf, about Stone Scow &c made an unsuccessful attempt to get the Scow again on her bottom — and settled Stronger to renew the attempt at high water to morrow morning — Our niece Emily was confined last evg successfully with another son — Her Parents and Sisters arrived to day from Penn.a — It was quite a grief to my sister that She could not be with her daughter in the hour of trial. which was

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somewhat earlier than was expected
4th day 24 — Rose very early and calling
the necessary assistants succeeded in
getting the Scow again on her bottom
— Spent the forenoon about the work
and in the afternoon took Ellen to bathe
in a boat to Popes Island — Thos L Sull
bearing us company — rode at dusk
into the Country to give instructions in
relation to finishing the work about
the Store — Called late in the ev'g to
enquire whether our Asst. Friends
had returned from Nantucket, found
them at the Parker House, but Phineas was quite unwell with a cold
which he had contracted by exposure
without an overcoat on his trip to
Nantucket — He expected to be able
to proceed to Boston tomorrow — we
had a pleasant Call, Sister P. and
Mary being with me — I saw Phineas in his room — the ladies were
well and had enjoyed the excursion
5th day 25th. My intention of going to Fall River
to day was frustrated by the weather which
was rainy — the forenoon was principally de
voted to reading some of the news papers, which
have been much neglected on acct. of the pressure
of my engagements — afternoon at the C H
Offered my services to sit up with Thos R.
Roberson who has been ill with dysentary
for some days — A Roberson & being over

from Fall River my services were not required —
6th Day 26th After some care about my business at the Wharf &c I left with Sister Phebe in the buggy for Fall River. To see after my wharf operations now just begun & to make a visit to Sister & family — we arrived at Mary's about noon 12 Oclk. and left on our return at 4 — getting home after a pleasant day. and rode about 9 m Oclk —
7th Day 27th occupied in my business at the Cg. House & through the day and till rather late in the ev —
1st Day 28th — Walked to the House of the Supt. of the House of Corr — to enquire after a few types which I thought had been accidentally left there — and extended my walk to my lot and the woods adjacent returning by the lane between J. Arnold & My Uncle Wm Land — then put the heading notice on the Papers to be circulated among the Seamen's boarding houses and sent them to Capt Taber, the Missionary for the month — Attended Friends' Mg. and the afternoon Service at the Marion Church which was thronged, a large proportion being Colored people, it being a funeral discourse on a Colored woman — the interment taking place from the M.H. House at its Close — Matthew Howland called in the ev — to inform my wife that Israel Morris with his wife & her Sister from Phila & a Sister of the late Bart. Wister were in Town

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the three first. Spending the eg at his house — as the young women ~~were~~ daughters of Lowtrith formerly Collins, we went and spent an hour with them. They are now returning from an extensive tour to Cleavland Niagara & the White Mountains of New Hampshire — My wife's bro Edmund arrived here on 5th day last to make a short visit before setting off with his Sister Phebe for a visit to Jno. Barrow and family at Skaneateles — They with Jno Lon Thomas took tea this eg at my mothers, where I called, as did Thos between mgs. after being at R Roberons to enquire after Thos R Roberon — the account was rather favorable, his father and brothers Wm & Fredk arrived to day — the two former from the Cumberland Iron works Maryland, where they went in relation to the Rail Road Iron for the P.R. R.R — and where they accidentally were met by Fredk & Dand Jones, on their return from Ohio, whom they have been to see Lydia Russell & two of her children, safely to her brother Matthews at Marrion O. — It must be a great satisfaction to my sister Anna to have them back again at this time of anxiety for Thos — Wm Tucker and Martha were there & Andw Jr. arrived from Fall River this afternoon — so that the whole family are now here. or have been here to day. Wm

having left for Fall River and Newport to bring his wife who has been a few days there with her father & Sister &c.

Friday 29 I took an early breakfast and went to the Wharf &c to attend to some business preparatory to my leaving home for Fall River with my wife bro Edmunds — but I was detained in relation to the salt water pump frame at the Oil works and by other business till past 12 Oclk. so that we did not get off till near 1 — arrived at F. R. about 3½ — and spent the afternoon in looking about the Print works & through the Iron Works — where the operations are on a very complete plan and on a great scale. Shine up the Shore of the Rail Road to my premises where the wharf work is going on — By mismanagement they had broke one of the wheels of the Crane purchase so that the Scow was useless to day but the weather was not favorable for laying Stones from her or account of the Swell which the SW. winds occasioned the men were therefore employed in blasting rock which they did in a way new to me, viz by filling the hole nearly full of powder. then putting in a Slow match and covering the powder with dry earth — and Stamping. an iron bar inserted upright with joints and stones put upon the triangular interstices to make the weight perhaps fifty or 75 ℔s on the charge of powder — this mode avoids the danger of charging with a tempering iron and is said to be equal by Practice. Called at Sister Lydia's. and

stopped a few minutes with Micah as he was about leaving the work for the day at the Pocasset buildings for his dinner and got home after a pleasant ride by moonlight about 10½ Oclk — found that our Son Edmund had returned from his visit at Smithfield and was with his sister and brother at Susan Hussey's Party. After my return I went to the C.J. House to look up my books; saw Sister Anna on her return from Thos' who reported more favorably of him

3. day 30 Occupied at the wharf & had the Masons &c at work in the afternoon in building Stone piers on the South side of my C.J. House Store preparatory to moving the fence out to the line — the wall there having been laid before the line was defined — the face of it is from 2 to 3 ft. too far ~~South~~ North. — took Abm Ashley's horse to try his qualities — he taking mine to use during the time — Our Thos left home with his Cousin Rodman to spend a week at Newport. Called at A. Robesons and brothers in the eve Thos is thot to be better

4th. day 31st Sister Phebe left us this day with her brr Edmund for Skaneateles to visit J. Barrow's Family &c — met Geo Hood who abruptly asked or demanded what I meant by building those Stone piers south of my store. I told him I did not know that I was under any obligation to inform

him of my intentions. I however did tell him it was to define my South line, and being in haste passed on. In the forenoon he came to my C. House and repeated the enquiry and desired I w.d defer it till other matters were settled. — I told him that I had waited long enough for him to get ready to settle other matters and saw no reason for further delay — a good deal of rather sharp conversation followed, he asserting what I denied knowing it not to be true whatever might be his impressions — he finally talked calmly on part grounds of dissatisfaction but his recollection was so imperfect and his assertions so positive that not much was gained — But to prove his mistake on one point? which he was very confident he appealed to Jo.s Congdon who he alleged measured the land at my instance and put the Stone in the ground to mark the boundary — But Jo.s did not confirm his statement, as he had no recollection whatever of the circumstance — When he run the line for G. H. to build his third wall, he had no recollection of my having been there or given any sanction to the proceeding. — Neither did he think that his doings or that occasion had any kind of force upon the parties. — He professed himself extremely anxious to have the difficulty ended

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which he solely and most unjustly had caused
but the only point which he was now disposed to concede was to submit it to impartial men to say whether or not he had fulfilled his agreement, the negative of which is palpable from the first glance as well as the most rigid scrutiny, and if they decided that he he had not then he would fulfil it after a most injurious delay of 18 mos. if I would abide by it — This proposition, after all his contemptuous treatment which he had shown me, and the heavy pecuniary injury which I had sustained, I told him came too late — unless he would make me amends for the losses I had suffered — but this he would not listen to — and we parted with about the same feelings that we have recently had. He declaring that the land or pecuniary advantage was of no consequence to him, but yet he would insist upon holding the land which without any assent and contrary to the original understanding he had occupied with his wall — Showing that of however little importance the money or the land might in themselves be, that his determined will could not yield, even so far as to submit this and all other points of difference to the decision of mutual friends.

His wife made my wife a visit on

the same subject — which had been the
cause a great grief to her — and expressed
a wish to see their husbands with them
to endeavor to restore kind feelings — her
manner was very kind and sincere. — At
my visit in the afternoon my wife wrote
to her according to agreement in relation to
the proposed interview, referring to our
meeting in the forenoon, which seemed
in its result to augur no benefit from
the joint mg. of our wives. but if
she and Eve would like to see us on
the subject we would with pleasure
accede to the proposition — L. How-
land returned an answer that the sub-
ject had better be dropped for the pres-
ent. I spent the afternoon and ev
at the C. House till near 9 Oclk.
found Mr. Beans here on my re-
turning

5th day 8th M. The weather being rainy I spent the day principally at the C. House
1st Ct. dec. 2d Attended to my business at the wh
and C. House in the morning — Spent two o
3 hours in trying a horse offered me for Sale
by Brunell. My brother Benj. being with us
in the trial of this and another with mothers horse
in her carriage, and afterward with us in
the trial of a horse which I have on trial belong
to Wm. Ashley — gave some attention to the erection
of a mill for pumping Salt water at the Oil Works
— after a late dinner fitted one of our astral lamps to
be used at the Academy pic nic — and went with
Sister Eliza N. Maxell & my wife to the Grove near

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Jn.º A. Parkers where the Colored people held a Pic nic in Commemoration of the British W. I. Emancipation 8/1. 1838 — They had a very respectable procession preceded by a band of colored musicians, marched thro Shalls & Cavalcade with a large number on foot with banners indicating different associations of women for mutual aid and improvement — this took place I do judge about 11 O'Clk. The occasion excited a good deal of attention & sympathy — many hundreds visited the ground of our white population, and all appeared to conducted on strict temperance principles and, with great propriety — Indeed Considering the disabilities under which they labor I think our colored citizens deserve great commendation for their good morals and industrious & prudent habits — and for their title to this praise they are largely indebted to the Zealous efforts of the Abolitionists for their elevation in intelligence and morals — On our return, when the procession had left the ground, we took a turn to the north not to be impeded by it, and I got out near my Flats about 6 O'Clk, where I was occupied till dark — when I returned home and after a light supper went to the Academy Pic nic which was attended by multitudes of young folks and many of their parents and friends — and was a very

pleasant occasion, the rooms were prettily decorated (the forms being all removed from the lower apartments) and the table bountifully and luxuriously supplied — Hannah Riddell & her little grandson passed the day with my children H.

7th day 3. Went to the Cg. House quite early and about 7¼ O'clk. set off with A.G. Snell in my buggy with Athey's horse for Fall River where we arrived before 10 — stopped at Thistlys Stable and made some enquiry about horses — saw Franklin Miller about attending the Steam Grinds — at A.G. Snell's mill — when we parted & I went to see after my whf. work — which appears to be going on pretty well — Spent my time mostly there — having previously made some observation with my bro: Benj.n (who was there for his family who have been on a visit at our Sisters) of some fine horses which are for Sale — left F.R. about 7½ O'clk and reached home before 10 — A.G. Snell getting out at Kempton's Corner — Our Children Edm.d and Mary at a Party at Geo. Howland Jrs.

1st day 4th. Having no papers to prepare for distribution in the morning I wrote up my diary — attended meeting as usual. Called at C.N. Morgan's to see my Sister but failed again she being at her daughters', called at bro: Andrews to enquire after Thomas who has had a very good day and they are much en-

courage about him. Left J. at home with the Children, who read & sing a hymn for us - Say the little girls.

2d day 5th Rose at 3½ O'clk to go to Fall River to see after my business there. Set off at a quarter past 4 & arr'd at ½ past 6 — in advance by about an hour of the men employed on the work — with the aid of Mr. Godfrey staked out the lines of my projected wharf which took us till about 11 O'clk. Saw also to the location of the barn which was contracted to be built — and spent some hours with Jot Snell in enquiring about & examination of horses, and bo't one under his advice at a high price for my wharf work — my Coat having been taken over to day by Jacobi Howe & his little Son, he will be put to work by Jot Snell's Son to morrow. Took a late breakfast at my Sister's — and left for home at 6½ arriving a little before 9 —

3d day 6th Gave some attention to the excavation of the earth under the Arcade entry to accommodate the erection of a furnace for warming the house, also to Thos Fishers proposed lectures or to measures to attract the attention of our Citizens to the Subject — Sent of the day to Cy. Howe duties &c — Gave a letter of introduction to Wm H Reed for J. Winslow of Havre, to which port the former is to take a Voyage with Capt

Anthony, to Sail from Newyork in a few days
leave this place to day
4th day 7th Attended to my affairs at the
Cg. House &c our Son Frank returned this
afternoon from Andover in good health
and with a favorable report of the institu-
tion. and confirming our favorable impres-
sions of his place of boarding we are
all glad to have the family group thus en-
larged which on Thos. return will be fully re-
stored
5th day 8th Made preparation to go again
to Fall River and got off about 10 A Oclk
reached there about 1 P.M having stopped
often to leave Advertisements for wharf
bags, which I printed before getting out
of my little town posts — returned about
9 in the evg
6th day I Spent some time in consul-
tation at the Academy with W. Beane
about the new warming arrangements for
that institution — ret.d to the Cg. House &c
where I was greeted by Thomas Conard evg. he
having arr.d in the Stage from Newport. his
Cousin Rodman having left him for Pro-
vidence some days before, where Thos. ex-
pected to meet him on 5th day but was left
by the Steamboat in consequence of a change
in the hour of Starting of which he was not
aware. They were at the Belle Vue and
had a rationally pleasant time not partic-
ipating in the fashionable amusements of the
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7th day 10th Went again to Fall River leav. about 10 and arriv. about 1. the weather being very warm & sun bright — Cloudy with some rain in the afternoon took a bowl of blackberry thickle at Sister Lydia's at their dining hour 7 O'Clk & got home about ½ part 10 — found the family had all retired for the night

1st day 11 Rose pretty early and prepared some temp.ce papers for distribution at the Seamen's boarding houses by print. on the margins an Invitation to the Bethel I attended Meetings as usual. and with the exception of a walk to the House of Correction to give the Supt. some papers for Page, who aided me in the first use of my little Press — I was at home through the rem.r of the day — we had the Company of Mary Drinker at tea. and Anna Arnold and Thos. A. Greene were here in the ev.g — the latter returned yesterday or the day preceding from his pedestrian tour (in part) to the White Mountains with his nephews Walter Mitchell & Walter Underhill.

2d day 12th Went to Fall River to see after my business matters Attended to my business at the C.g House &c Called at C. Whitneys in regard to S. F. Hathaway's returns &c to the business of E. & C. Stevens &c

3d day 13th Detained from my Fall River concerns by my Masonry attention to the Shipment of some R.W. Oil destined for N. Orleans which took up most of the day. Called in the ev.g

to consult with C.W. Morgan relative to the Saint John Debt., I having missed of the expected consultation on the Subject on Friday eve. last by the failure in the notice till I thought it too late.— and spent the last of a late eve. in writing to C.C. Stewart on the Subject. 4th day 13th Made some enquiry relative to an additional Cast for my work to Fall River and rode to the R.R. Depot and ~~Fall R~~ to T.R. Roberson's to consult A. Roberson in regard to the St. John business and to appraise him of the tenor of my letter to C.C.S. which to save the Express mail I was obliged to forward before getting his views directly, he having Sat up with his son. after breakfast I went to Fall River taking little Ellen with me in the Wagon to make a Short visit at her Aunts. My business there was somewhat retarded and interfered with by Several Showers — but they ceased before eve.— so that we got home safe but later than we have been my Choice or Ellen's aunt's
5th day 14th Anticipating the performance of some work at Fall River which would make my supervision necessary I went again to Fall River after having dispatched a Cast and some Anchors to be used there under the Charge of Jacobs little Son Lewis. Thos. went with me in the wagon, found the work reported to could not be done to day though the weather was very favorable, the reason of the Scow containing the pile Driver being in

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ure by the Owners — The misty mantle of a Shower which swept by Fall River made it appear expedient to leave them more promptly than we had intended lest we should have a wet ride in our uncovered vehicle. But the threatening of it passed off and we had a pleasant and cool ride home. in time for a party of our friends who were invited to visit us viz mother & Sister Eliza, Aunt Nancy and Nancy Maxwell with three of Geo. Hussey Children, Gertrude & Sarah Hussey, Eliz.a Mary Bonne, Eliz.a Wells, her parents and brother and John Hawes, one of Thos. College friends — Sister Lydia and her daughter Mary who were here on a visit to day at my Aunt Lydia Botchis to meet her Swedenborgian Guests the Rev. Mr. Barrett & family from Newyork, were here late in the ev.g after the close of his Second Lecture at the Lyceum Hall. on the New Jerusalem doctrines. I hope to attend the 3.d which is proposed to be to-morrow ev.g

6th Day 16th Gave my attention to the business at the wharf & Oil works, and after dinner to the repairs and improvements at the Academy which occupied me till near ev.g when I went to the C. house and wrote some letters, and stopped at the Lyceum and heard part of Mr. Barretts 3.d Lecture on the doctrines

of Swedenborg — Subject Helles — not having heard the first half I am not prepared to give an opinion on the whole — There seems to be some reason as well as much imagination in his doctrines.

7th. day Made preparation in the morning and after breakfast went again to Falk River — where I remained till after 7 Oclk and had a pleasant ride home. the temperature pleasantly mild after a very warm day — took some blackberry & milk at Sister L's before starting. and got home a little after 10 Oclk.

1st day 18th. Printed a few invitations to the bethel on the papers to be distributed at the Seamen's boarding houses, before breakfast — attended meeting as usual, and in the evg. went with Mary Drinker and the four eldest Children to hear Jas B. Gough's lecture on Temperance — which was in his usual interesting style — at its close I was introduced to him and to his Patron Deacon Grant of Boston. Called to see Mother after the lecture — we learned to day that Dan'l. Jones, the late companion and friend of Fred'k Robeson on his journey to Ohio & Missouri, died last 6th day eve'g. of bilious fever, supposed to have been contracted during his absence — he was a fine young man of correct habits & good principles & well educated so that he will be much missed as a friend & Citizen

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2d day 19th Made preparation in the morng for leaving home for Fall River and set off at 8½ in the little Carriage & Jersey team with Thomas Frank & Sue. I attended to my business there till about sunset and then returned with Thos leaving Sue & Frank to make a short visit at their Aunts where I took some blackberry & milk at setting off — arrived at 10¼ — after a pleasant ride — our Bay & White going pretty well together —

3. day 20th Went to the wharf & sundry other places before breakfast found on my return the Colored man recently from the South whom we think of taking into our family as a waiter — gave him audience and then went to the Academy to consult & observe the progress of the improvements and alterations. & thence repaired to the Ct House &c. — After a late dinner in which I was joined by my bro Benj in the Desert — I was engaged at home till near eve with the business of the Estate — Judge Warren's decision having been given on the claim of Sarah Russell in favor of the latter though I think on wrong principles, in part at least, as explained in my note to my bro William on the subject — Sen of the afternoon and part of the eve at the Ct House — returned soon after my leg niece — our Children with Thos

fellow Student amusing themselves with Physick &c.

4th day 21st Attended to my C.J House concerns in the morn? and thus occupied deferred my breakfast till near noon then took the Carriage to go to Fale River to see after my business there and bring back the Children Frank & Susan — I was detained about my whf. and an excursion with Frank in the little boat up the River till near sunset when we took supper at Sister Lydia's and started for home with my niece Isabel Morgan — and arrived after a pleasant ride by moonlight about 10 O'clk

5th day 22? Some unfinished business calls me again to Fale River for which place I set off about 7 A.M. and ar? about 10 — occupied there till about 4 when I started for home — ar? at 6 P.M. and found our Cousins Wm & Del? Wharton and E. Fisher & Wife & Aunt Rotch. from whom we had a very pleasant visit

6th day 23? Gave a considerable part of the forenoon to the operations at the Academy. and devoted the rest of the day to C.J House duties and to the progress of the Steam mill erecting by T.G. Snell on our joint premises. I had occasion to go to the furnace to give some instructions relative to the Iron pillars for supporting the second floor of the Academy — after getting home from the C.J House, rather late I went to E. W. Morgans to meet Wm & Del? Wharton — My wife having taken tea with them there &c. I was hindered by my business engagements from doing.

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7th day 24th Rose early to give Sister Lydia notice by the early Stage of our Cousins expected departure to day for Newport via Fall River. and of my intention to be there with them and to conduct them to their house. Called at Uncle Williams to see if N. & D. Wharton with their Son Charles intentions of proceeding to Newport to day had undergone any change in consequence of the Cloudy State of the atmosphere — finding that their decision had not been changed Invited them to accompany me in my little Carriage — We set off about 9-¼ O'clk and arrived at F. River about 11- I drove directly to M. H. Ruggles, where our Cousins had a very agreeable visit, and rec.d a Call from And.w & Mary Robeson and his Sister Martha, I took Charles to see the extensive Iron Works there but it was too near the hour of dinner to permit him to see the most striking operations — Our Cousins set off for Newport about 3-¼ O'clk in Wrisley's private Carriage — Wm being too much of an invalid to bear well the roughness of the Stage conveyance, I shd. have been pleased to go with them but this Our Cousins would not permit — Sat to my work operations till about Sunset & then returned home, arriving here about 9 O'clk

1. M. 8th day 25th Paid some attention in the morng. to preparing papers for distribution, attended Mtgs. as usual. Called after the Mg. Mg. at my Uncle Williams, to inform them about our Cousin Whartons' and to see D.r & Susan

Barton & family. who ar.d yesterday — On leaving them called at my bro.r Williams but he not having ret.d from mtg. I went to Aunt Mary's, little Ellen being my Companion, D.r Barton's Son Frank and daughter Alice are with them — Isaac Winslow & his daughter Emily being at mtg. in the afternoon I asked them home with me to tea &c and we found the daughter, about 18 a very pleasing girl well educated and has been much abroad with her uncle in France &c. Isaac one of my acquaintances from boyhood whom I always liked I was glad to have again under my roof

2.d day 26.th Attended considerably to the operations at the Academy — in consultation with the preceptor & workmen rem.r of the day except a call at mothers at the Cg House &c — Sister Phebe & bro.r Ed.d ar.d this afternoon from their visit to Bro.r Jn.o Jones. Niagara &c — the former very well the latter not quite well — They had a satisfactory visit & journey and we were very glad to greet them on their return.

3.d day 27.th Attended to my concerns at the Cg House and Academy &c — D.r Barton's little Alice made a visit to our little Girls — our older Children being

4.th day 28.th Occupied about home and at the Cg House &c till late dinner hour — afterwards at home. had the Company of mothers family viz.d Eliz.a Fisher Mercy & Ch.s — with C. & M. Morgan & Ser.t of their

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children at tea — after tea Edm^d & Mary with the younger Fishers went to an oyster Party at Geo ~~Hussey's~~

5^th. day 29 — Made arrangem^ts in the morning for going to Fall River — Called previously to ~~see~~ see our at Mothers & Uncle Williams to take leave of E. Fisher & D^r. Susan Barton who left to day for Phil^a ~~left~~ left off for Phil^a about 10 ½ and got Cars about 10 ½ ~~Ch~~ Thanks was with me. Called at Sister Lydias — found on our return Bro^r Smith & his ~~wife~~ wife W^m Brown from Phil^a via Newport whence they came in an open boat to make a short visit the weather being very favorable they had a pleasant Sail —

6^th. day 30^th — Attended to my Concerns and to the business at the Academy — S. Rodman Morgan dined with us and his young friends. Bro^r Edm^d left us this afternoon to return to New York.

~~7^th. day 31^st~~ 7^th — Attended to some business connected with my whf. project at Fall River. & be fore setting off for that place for which I left about 10 P.M. taking my niece Betsy Morgan with me to make a short visit at her Aunts We left about 4 and got home at 7 — to meet a party of our friends whom my wife had invited to tea — Bro^r Benj^n Jones ~~wife~~ wife & E & Wild and the friend of the latter Eliz^a Ware daughter of the late Henry Ware, Caroline ~~Fleming~~ Fleming Susan Davis & her son Robert Charles Smith & Benj^n S Rotch

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— Our children Susan & Fr. were at a party of young folks at Fr.ⁿ Hathaway's — of which I was not aware till awoke near 12 O'Clk by Sue's little sleeping Comp. who awoke & found herself alone — on which I arose and went forth to see what had happened to detain them — when I met the delinquent couple on their return — Nothing but the influence of the unreasonable hours in the example of the fashionable Parties of a later day having prevented the earlier Separation of this juvenile assembly — Our Son Thomas left us this morning to return to his Studies at Cambridge.

1.ˢᵗ Day 1.ˢᵗ Having no papers to distribute to day I was at home most of the day except being engaged in reading &c called at mothers in the eve. our young guests taking tea at Geo Hussey's

2. day 2. Spent the day in attending to my concerns at the C.H. House &c — My niece Mary Ruggles and her friend Julia White, are this afternoon to make us a visit of a week — I was somewhat late at the C.H. House — The young men at mothers & Wm C. Tobey's at tea in the eve.

3. day 3. Engaged with my C.H. House and business cares most of the day. The young men dining at C.W. Morgans with their friends S. Rodman — Our Francis left us this afternoon to return to Andover to his studies — The parting was rather trying — evincing that family love which is so sweet and desirable — but it was the overflowing of momentary feeling which was a fitting Sacrifice to his and each conviction of what was

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to our imperfect vision for this permanent good — Our family with our guests were at C. H. Morgan's as a Corn pudding entertainment in the eve — Perry Young ent on empl as waiter. 2 days

4th day 4th. Rose early to go to Fall River got off about 6 O'Clk with Isaac Simmons who is to haul my wharf work — ar. at 8½ — and I spent the day in attention to my work there — Mr. Simmons who has been taking the lead hitherto being sick — I took breakfast and a luncheon at Sister Lydia's. and got home at 10½ stopping a little on an errand a mile out of my way returning — B. Smith & N. Borden left NB and returned to New Port to day

5th day 5th. Occupied through the day at the C. House wharf & Academy; it was wish to go again to F. River but my engagements here prevented. Mary & Julia at Mothers Clk dinner & bro Benj. at tea.

6th day 6th. After attending to some pressing concerns at the C. House I set off for Fall River taking on boy James to be employed there — I ar. at 11 O'Clk & got home 9½

7th day 7th. Spent the morng at the C. House and then went again to Fall River, set off a little before 11 & got back ¼ before 9 — having taken dom rolls and blackberry my favorite food at this season of those berries before I left — — Met Mary & Julia at the entrance of the village. found Aldrich Tucker & Martha

making us a visit — he arriving late from Boston, I was not too late to join them at the table

1st Day 8th Attended before breakfast to a Com.t with which I was charged by Hervey Chase at Fall River to my bro.r Wm & Charles — Went to Friends meetings as usual — Rachel Howland made a prayer in the forenoon of considerable length but her voice was too low for me to understand her expressions, read several Moral & Religious Papers and in the ev.g two of Mr Peabody's Sermons which were very sensible and written in an excellent Spirit — the Scope of which was to show that Ministers of the Gospel as such were not bound to enlist themselves in the current projects of Moral reform Having the Anti Slavery Question [Emancipation] mainly in view — his Argument was a good one as to their becoming mainly or very prominently enlisted in the Cause — but failed I think if meant as a justification of their entire Silence or very gentle animadversion on that Giant Iniquity of our guilty Nation — I was the only representative at Friends Mg — the others of the family being the Episcopal Ch.h in the day or ev.g

2.d day 9.th Went before breakfast to the Cg. House to rectify my accounts &

was detained till near noon, when I took breakfast & serve also for dinner and devoted the rem.r of the day to business at the Cg House
— between 12 & 1 near the Cont.r 13 ank I with others had our attention directed to a circle round the Sun Showg the prismatic Colors quite strongly on the northern arc wch was narrower and stronger than the southern portion where it expanded so as to form two arcs slightly excentric to each other the diam.r of this circle I sh.d judge to be about 20 degrees
— another circle cut this & passed thro the Sun, and sweeping to the northward in fainter lines till the circle of double the diameter of the other was just visible to the eye in that direction — arcs of much larger circles slightly convex toward the Sun about 35° or 40° distant in the SE & NW quarters of the heavens, with prismatic colors — A similar phenomenon I never before witnessed and to all with whom I conversed on the subject it was equally new — except Capt Crocker the veteran Navigator of the Atlantic, who said he had often seen similar appearances at Sea — and prognosticated Southerly winds — I passed the afternoon at the Cg House and was rather late at

my supper — after the family
3. day 10 Made preparation in the morning to go to Fall River with sundry articles for my wharfing business — did not get off till 11 O'Clk — Spent the part of the day evng. after my arrival in observing and directing my workmen and took supper at Sister Lydia's after which I went with Micah & Mary & Julia to hear a Swedenborgian Lecture from Mr Barrett, which was much more numerously attended than were his recent lectures here. Retd to spend the
4th. day 11 — Gave the day to my wharfing operation — mostly in preparation for more effective progress — walked in the morng. with Bro. Micah over a part of the Rodman farm & of my Shore in severalty with reference to drawing a supply of the better quality of Stones from my pasture lot — Spent the rem. of the day mostly in relation to my wharf. business — Gave some time to an exam. with Messrs Charles of the Title of the proposed County Road along our respective Shores — and Rode to Oliver Chace's on the same business — detained too late at my wharf to admit of my returning before dark, so that I was unintentionally compelled to stay for the want of a part of the harness which I was unable to find — the person who took it in charge having left the premises at the usual hour of quitting work. The cause of the detention

was the removal of a rock into Shoal water from the vicinity of my north abutment. Regretted my being unable to return the more on acct of my wifes proposed visit to our Sons at Cambridge & Andover, which I feard my absence might prevent — Left home as the ribands 5th day 12 — Devoted the day at Fall River to my whf business adjusting the Hay Scales &c &c Having lodged and taken breakfast at M. H. H's — Set off about 6 and got home at 8h found to my regret that my detention had interfered with my wifes plans —

6th day 13th Busy at home at my Cf. Hse duties & D. G. Riddle with us at tea

7th day 14th Gave considerable time to the Academy in relation to the furnace arrangements — rest of the day at the Cf. Hse. & till the eve. was partially spent

1st day 15th Prepared the temp.ce Journal for distribution before breakfast — attended Friends meeting in the forenoon and the Bethel in the afternoon, W. Howe officiating, after which Mr Gonsalves a Protestant Portuguese preacher from Madeira originally now resident at Williamsburg near New York addressed the Portuguese part of the audience in their native language — He brot me a letter from SJ Jocelyn and I asked him home with me to tea —

— after w^ch he mini^y took leave — and I went to Mr. Jacksons Ch^h in the ev^g to hear his narration of his conversion his parents having designed that he sh^d be a Roman Catholic priest — He gave a very unfavorable view of the moral Character of the Priesthood of that extended and ambitious Hierarchy — at the close of the m^g I went to the Store to make a reply to Mr. J.'s letter by mi^g — He is very poor in purse and a collection was made for him at the close of the ev^g m^g — and his countrymen also contributed at the close of his Portuguese Sermon

2^d day 16^th Rose early and set off about 5¼ A.M. for Fall River to carry over Isaac Francis and see after my Concerns there took breakfast at Bro^r Micahs and at the close of the day concluded to accept of their hospitalities for the night also — went with the Girls after their late dinner to hear a Lecture on Jerusalem — and at it's close retired — My dear wife and Edm^d & Susan set off this morn^g for Boston Cambridge & Andover —

3^d day 17 After making such preparation as was necessary to leave home I set off from Fall River about 9^h A.M. — and spent the remainder of the Day in attending to my wharf & other Concerns particularly in endeavoring to adjust the steam engine apparatus, & getting the Oil shed with Salt water pumped by wind

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in which I did not succeed quite to my wish — At my Uncle Wm's in the eg with W. Hazard
4th. Day 18th. Spent the day at the Ocean House Newport
house Oil works &c &c
5th. Day 19 made arrangements in the morng. to go to Fall River got off at 10½ Called at I passed through the on Anthony Chace the Dealer of whom I got measures to verify my Platform Wg. Machine supposing that it would be a short process. but they proved to be incorrect owing to the want of Skill on the part of the Carpenter who repaired the parts of the frame work by replacing the decayed plank & timber with New and Sound wood — So that I was thus occupied till night. and as it was not finished I again lodged at my Sisters — Where I saw in the eveg. their friends the Whitalls —
6th. Day 20 Rose early and devoted the day to my whtg. business especially with reference to the weighing Machine and to the dimensions of the Small Scows for shortening the Crank Shrouds and repairing the Pintle & Socket, which was bent & broken — It was very difficult to draw out the old Pintle, but eventually succeeded had a Carpenter repair the Wg Machine — left for home a little after Sunset and found that our friends and the remnant of the family were well.

7th day 21st My Machinery for the Wharf building requiring my attention I again left home about Sunrise for that place calling first to enquire after the Child of my head workman Isaac Francis who was called home on her acct. early in the week — learned that She was yet alive but not likely to continue many hours. Gave the day to my whf. concerns except. between 2 & 3 hours Spent in doing some of the business at the Office of A Robeson & Sons — had the Stationary Crane taken down to put to it an additional brace to admit of hanging the blocks nearer the end of the arm with Safety — There was too much motion to lay any Stones with the Iron Purchase, one load of backing were only thrown over — part of the men with the oxen are hired for this week on the easterly Part of Locust St. to admit of getting better Wall Stones from my Pasture land where granite of an excellent Splitting quality abounds — took a good draught of Milk at Sister Lydia's as usual before leaving & some Cakes to answer for dinner & Supper — got home a little before 7 O'clk and found Ina Chase H, Ed & Susan, who had arrived a little before in the Train of Cars from Boston, later than usual probably on account of the numerous passengers — They appear to have had a very pleasant visit, to our Sons, and to have enjoyed the whig Celebration & the Mechanics Fair very much —

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1st day 22. Attended Meeting as usual in the Morning — in the afternoon accidentally belated, and remained at home. Called to see Mother in the evg. — who is yet afflicted with her autumnal Catarrh

2. day 23 Spent the day at home evg. at the Cg. House except a couple of hours in the afternoon occupied in going with me. Chose H. to make a call at Brother Benjamins and Thos R. Roberson's — and afterward taking a ride to the Oak Grove Cemetery and walking through the winding walks of this Sequestered Spot consecrated as the quiet resting place of the mortal remains of our departed Citizens — about One year has passed since it was opened, and now many a mound & Monument reminds us of the fleeting and uncertain tenure of our earthly being — Called at Mothers and E. Wm Morgans in the evg. to make arrangements for going to Fall River in the Morng — with our Mary & Abby Hussey — Thos R Roberson bears the Marks of his Recent severe illness, his wife is recovering favorably from her confinement about 4 weeks since with a 5th Child which they have named Horace —

3. day 24th Made arrangements in the morning for going to Fall River and taking with me our daughter Mary and Abby Hussey — by invitation from Mary Tuppers — we got there about

11 O.Clk. and I accepted Sister Lydia's invitation to dine there also — attended to my Whf. business till 2½ O.Clk the dinner hour — found unexpectedly that Wm & Anna Roberson & Emma were there in addition to my proteges — went to the whf &c for 1½ hours after dinner & started for home at ½ past 6 — and reached town about 9 —

4th day 25th Isaac Francis who has been detained at home by the sickness and death of his child having given notice yesterday that he sh. be ready to return to Fall River to day I made preparation and left town with him about 7½ & 8 O.Clk — as there between 10 & 11 — Gave my attention to my Whf. operations till night — and returned after calling as usual at Sister Lydia's — getting home at 9 — found that Edm.d had returned from his excursion to Martha's Vineyard — with Thos. A Greene — and had bro.t Thos & Gco. Sons of Welcome Greene of Smithfield who by appointment met them there on their return from their visit at Nantucket as our guests — Edm.d & Mary were at a Party at Jos. Wrinkles & Thos & Gco. at their Uncle Thos.s' so that I post pone my Greeting till to-morrow, the fatigues of the day forbidding late vigils —

5th. Day 26 Attended to my business as the Cg. House & through the day — in the evg had the comp.y of Anna Arnold Thos. & Lydia Greene and Eliza Mitchell to tea with the two lads our guests — heard this evg. of the sudden death of Sylvia Russell wife of Wm. J. who was at Hopkinton Springs for her health

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She has been afflicted with inflam[y]. Rheumatism though large & stout with the appear[ce] of great physical vigor — It is suggested that — the disease may have taken a turn to the heart and caused a rupture of some one of the important blood Vessels — She retired as usual — was taken ill about 1 A.M. died about 1 Oclk — her daughter only of her fam[y]. was with her — the News arrived with the morning train

6[th] day 27 Spent a considerable part of the forenoon with reference to my little printing establishment — rem[d] the day at the C.H. — went to the R.R. Depot after dinner with some thing for Francis at Andover — In the ev[g] at Uncle Williams to confer with him & A. Cobeson & the Tenant of the Bellevue about making an important addition to that establishment —

7[th] day 28[th] Went again to Fall River after spending most of the forenoon at my C.H. Office and other business, set off about 12 Oclk and left with Isaac Francis to return at 6 Oclk, and got home at 8 hurrying a little on acc[t]. of the appearance of Rain. which set in about 9 Oclk —

1[st] day 29 Attended Mg as usual in the forenoon and in the afternoon was present at the Funeral Services of Wm T. Russells on acc[t]. of the death of his wife by Mr Peabody — ma chere H. Mary

& Edmund were there also — The Easterly Storm last night and to day has been very violent — had occasion to go on an errand to the Cg. House before breakfast to get two Umbrellas as I thought would be wanted by the family, while looking for a few minutes into A. G. Snells large Steam mill building just close up except the easterly side over the water the violence of the wind forcing in at that part pressed so powerfully on the great superficies of the interior that the South end which was held only at the corners was a little swelled out lifting the Staging & the B. Story fell with much noise and some damage — to the windows on that side — we opened the doors &c on the West which relieved the pressure and prevented further damage — My reading to day has been Stephens' review (in the "Living Age") of the Good men of Clapham 2. day 30th Went again to Fall River setting off about 6 and getting there soon after 8 with J Francis — occupied in preparing to support the large Crane by guys from the Cap — the Oak Stick proving to be too weak not-withstanding its large size for the stress in hoisting large stones — (machine 3. day 10m: 1 — Morning spent in Relation chiefly to my Meteorological notes — rest of the day at the Cg. House, whig and at work — Spent the evg at the Cg. House — being a little lame I rode to & from in some of my Carts —

4th day 2d. Occupied chiefly at the Cg Hse with the exception of most of the afternoon at the Oil works trying a leaden pipe as the medium of conveying the Salt water for wetting the Shed to the small Sprinkling engine — the bore (1 inch) was found too small — remained at the Cg House till about 9 Oclk — riding to & from on acct. of my lameness —

5th day 3d. Walked to the Cg. Hse in the morng. and after breakfast went to Fall River where I was occupied for an hour or two at A. Robeson & Sons' Cg. room with reference to a supply of Coal for Snell's Steam mill — afterward attended to my Wharf business — which was interrupted by the rain — I dined at bro. Micah's expecting to have to remain all night — but encouraged by a temporary appearance of the Storm being over I set off about 6 Oclk and after a dark and somewhat rainy ride, reached home at 8½ — having had a narrow escape of some interruption at least from a passing vehicle which I could not see till the moment that our wheels came in contact and glanced by — found at home a party of young people viz Candace Allen of Providence. Mary West of Boston. Ellen Rodman Mary Rotch Eliz. Rendall Anna Drinker. Benj. S Rotch Mr. Brigham & Rodman Morgan — some of a Charade was acted & some Songs sung —

6th day 4th A rainy forenoon induced me to give some attention to the lamps used for the Party by discharging the Oil & re-immersing the wicks in Alcohol — This mode of treatment ensuring good lights when lamps are only used at somewhat long intervals — latter part of the forenoon & rest of the day & eve. at the Cg house

7th day 5th Went early to the Cg House to prepare for leaving for Fall River — by balancing my monthly Cash acct &c. My books having been a little neglected I did not get through till the dinner hour — after dinner went to Ft. and got home a little before 9 O'clk bringing S. Francis with me — when there announced to Ford & Miller the acceptance of their proposals for putting the addition to Tall Tree — called as usual at Sister Lydias. and partook of their hospitality. Called at Mothers. & the Cg House &c after my return — Edm. & Mary at their Uncle Williams with a party of young folks.

1st day 6th Attended Meeting as usual A.M. & P.M. and in the eve went with Ma there H & several of the family to the Episcopal Ch. and heard a good Sermon from Mr Salter of Conn. Mr Lambert being absent — Called at Mothers at the close of the afternoon Meeting — having been prevented by business and a slight lameness from seeing her for several days she continues to be yet somewhat troubled with her annual Catarrh

2d day 7th Rain early in the morng. prevented my setting off for Fall River with Isaac Francis as I had proposed to do. But having business

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in Newport that could not well be postponed I set off for S. R. about 9 O'clk — and left there for Newport about 2 — Calling on the way at the Stone Bridge & at David Buffums to gain some information I did not reach Townsends till near dark — after Tea called at the Bellevue House to see W. W. Hazard the tenant about the the proposed addition to the accommodations 3. day 8th. Went again to the Bellevue before breakfast, and made some examination of the premises — after breakfast prepared a supplement to the lease now running to fix definitely the agreement for additional rent — and had the same executed as in the former cases — made a further examination in the afternoon and visited the Ocean House and was shewn generally through it, & so far as my curiosity led me to enquire — and made some confidential enquiries of Mr. Weaver the Lessee, as I had also done of Rich'd V. Randolph & others to test the the probable truth of the opinion expressed by W. J. Potter about W. W. H., in a conversation with him to day — He manifested great sensitiveness at Mrs Having lost the Bellevue by his interference although he was offered the premises at the same rate — and I think that to this morbid feeling is to be ascribed much of the prejudice which he entertains —

4th Day 9th. In J. after leaving Bellevue I ordered my horse and left Newport about 6 Oclk for the Stone Bridge where I arrived about 9 & took Supper and lodging. Rose early and set off about Sunrise for Fall River, and took breakfast at Sister Lydia's — and after it devoted the rest of the day to drawing a copy of the plans for the addition to Bellevue and of the Specifications to Materials &c which occupied the day leaving no time to see my workmen — left Micah's about 6½ Oclk and got home at 9½, where I found Emily & Benj.n S Rotch making a Social tea visit.

5th Day 10th. At home before breakfast writing up my Journal — afterwards devoted myself to my business at the Whf. Cg. House &c — Went with my wife to E Drinker's to tea where was a Small family party

6th Day 11 — Occupied at home most of the forenoon — remainder of the business hours of the day at the Cg. House &c, where I was till about 8 Oclk — after the ev.g meal I went to my Uncle Williams by appointment to meet the other owners of Bellevue but A. Robeson having forgotten the appoint.t after waiting till after 9 — I went to his house accompanied by my Uncles Man Wm Howard to witness the Signature of the supplemental lease — Our Susan had a few of her young friends at tea &c

7th Day 12th. Attended to my home concerns till noon and then set off for Fall River from the Cg. House having been making preparations for collecting funds for the Port Society. till the time of Start J — — got home 8½ Oclk

and went to a meetg. of the Finance Com.ee of the P.S. at the office of the M. M. Soc.y 1st day 13th took some steps to collect and deliver for distribution at the boarding houses for Seamen some copies of the Sheet Anchor by hand & them to Thos Pope Jr - at the Mansion House - attended meetings as usual, and designed to attend the Anv.y of the Bible Soc.y meetg - but was prevented by a protracted call with reference to the Pocasset Quy. mg - as from making a call or two of condolence which I wished to make - Bro Benj.n & his son Wm were here

2d day 14th Went early to Fall River with J Francis and devoted most of the forenoon to endeavors to verify the platform balance but was again unsuccessful in making it perform satisfactorily - about noon went to the Pocasset meetg - which were most of the other members of the Corporation - at its close I went to take measures for supplying my whf. here with a crane similar to those used generally in Fall River for discharging vessels of their Cargoes - Rain coming on with the prospect of its continuance I left about 4 Oclk, and reached home comfortably about ½ past 6 Oclk. after tea at which we had the company of mother & sister Elvira I went to a Mg. of the Finance Comtee of the Port Soc.y, which detained me till near 10 - On returning home an alarm of fire was given, which proved to be at the School house on Middle St. around

and occupied by Fred.k Dewey, which was very much injured. Though the fire was promptly checked and confined mostly to the interior of the building - some of the furniture &c was saved.

3.d day 15.th went to Mr Robinsons before breakfast and prepared to devote the day collecting funds for the Port Soc.y - but before going out on that business I had a call from Alg.n Snell to say that the wall of the new wharf east of the Steam mill had started several feet to the eastward making a curve the most prominent part near the Centre being not less than 6 ft. from the str.t line in which it was designed to be built - from which however it had started or moved while in course of building a couple of feet - The earth at the west.n to building had sunk abt. 2 feet and the water at high tide flowing over the depressed surface gave it a ruinous appearance - the sinking took place about 30.th yesterday afternoon - I had observed a considerable cracking of the earth on the day afternoon - The wall appear to have moved out with the rest as bottom, and although it has sunk about a foot in the Centre seems to have retained with little alteration the perpendicular face - We hope that it may not fall, but to avoid adding to the weight of the embankment till time shall prove its stability, it is deemed best to let it remain as it is. If it should fall it is to be feared that the great building might be very materially injured if not destroyed - Gave some time to Co. House business and then

rem.r of the Day to the Pt Soc.y. Collections &c
— Eve.g with Inga Chase H. Mary & Eden ?. at
the Lyceum Introductory Lecture which
was by R. Waldo Emerson, on the Yankee
character its virtues & faults — which was
of rare interest — The Ann.l Mtg. of the
Port Soc.y was postponed on acct. of the lec-
ture & at the same hour — An alarm
of fire from some insignificant cause, if not
a false alarm caused an interruption for
some time.

4.th Day 16.th Attended somewhat to my own affairs
and to the business of the Port Soc.y in the fore-
noon — but the weather being fine, although
the roads were somewhat mud from the rain
of yesterday, mother concluded to fulfil her
intention of making her visit at Fall River
— accordingly I prepared to accompany them
in my dragon and be ready to aid them if
necessary on the road and relieve them
of some of the baggage — Set off about
a quarter before 1 and arr.d safely there
about 4 — mother bearg the ride very
well — Sister E. had a slight faint[illegible] turn
as she got out of the Carriage, S. Hammond
remained behind to make a visit at Benj.n
— I spent the rem.r of the afternoon in
seeing after my whf. business and returned
in the eve.g getting home about 9 o'clk —
Called at Andr.s and had a long conver-
sation with him & Sister Anna about
some unpleasant things in mother's
family establishment —

— This is our little Ellen's 11th birth day — and Harriet Perry and Sister Sarah's three girls were here on the occasion at tea &c — Sue & Isabel made much amusement by a reciprocal joint recitation & action of Lyon's Heyd &c

5th day 17th Made early preparation for going again to Newport via Fall River to meet there the Carpenters who have contracts for the addition to Belle Vue — left about 9 Clk. & Fall River at 10 — At N. port ½ past 12 and stopped at the house — made a general examination with Messrs Ford & Miller — and went afterward with them to look at the "Ocean House". Dined at (W. Havards (Belle Vue) and set off on my return at 6 Oclk — got to F. River abt 9 — called at Roberson Jr's to get my horse left there in the morng — and arrived at home abt 12 — found some of the family out, there having been a family party at my Bro's Williams's where the younger part were detained by the amusements. — Tableaux Vivants &c

6th day 18 Spent the forenoon at home in writing relative to the Belle Vue house principally afternoon gave some time to the business of the Port Society and the latter part to Cg. Hse duties — After tea went to the Asst Mtg of the Port Society — Mary Drinker took tea with us and spent the Evg — Sister Phebe is quite unwell with a severe cold — & Harriet is disabled by a complaint which prevents her walking about house in discharge

of her accustomed active duties — My wife is also somewhat disabled by a Sprain of the ancle which took place yesterday 4th. day 9 The weather being rainy in the forenoon so as to make the roads muddy and probably suspend the work at the wharf I omitted my usual trip to that place and spent the day in attending to the duties of the C.H. &c which were protracted somewhat into the ev.

1st. day 20th. Attended meetings as usual & in the ev. was at a Session of the Anti-Slavery Convention at the Town Hall, and heard interesting Speeches from C.L. Remond and Edmund Quincy — Fred.k Douglass made also some desultory remarks but in a manner somewhat Mirthful & Comic, which though it may raise a Smile with many is not agreeable to me. There is too much of dreadful injustice and wrong to be treated otherwise than by sober argument or Solemn denunciation. I called at Mothers — at the close of the afternoon Mg. And after the ev. Mg. I was a few minutes at Sister Annis. but I did not See Edmund Quincy who is their Guest

2d. day 21st. Rose early and went with J. Francis to Fall River where I spent most of the day but was hastened back by the appearance of approaching rain — I however got home without being materially incommoded

3d. day 22d. Attended to my concerns at the C.H. town and in the ev. went to the Lyceum Lecture — by the Rev. Mr Rogers — on the attempts to discover the N.W. passage & the Pacific

ic Ocean
4th day 23 — arranged my affairs in the morng before breakfast, for going to Fall River, but did not get away till after noon — attended principally to the Hay Scales which have not yet been satisfactorily adjusted. The Bark Winslow arrived to day from her voyage of 50 mos. with about 2/3 of a full Cargo — This arrival is very acceptable as her long absence with but very rarely any account from them, occasions some anxiety — I walked to the Mtg after my return
5th day 24th. went to the Cg. Hse & Whf before breakfast, and gave my time afterwards principally to my Duties there &c
6th day 25th Engaged at the Cg. House & Whf &c throughout the day — went at 7 Oclk to the Mtg. of the board of the Port Society — and at its close returned to the Cg. House and was busy in posting my books till a late hour
7th day 26th went early to the Cg House to get my posting finished previous to going to Fall River — took a late breakfast and set off & a little after 12 — Spent the time after my arrival with my men — making some new arrangements — and the cg. in preparing for settling for the last 6 weeks — not finishing till 10 Oclk. I concluded to remain at my Bro in laws through the night and leave early in the morng for home — Mother continues to be a little troubled with her Catarrh — but seems to be very comfortably situated there —
1st day 27 — left F. River about 6 Oclk & got home before 9 — attended meetings at Fnd.

House of Worship in the day & went with
my wife & L. Hammond to the Episcopal Ch.
in the eve. Rev. Burt officiating
Called at A Roberons and saw
And. & Mary Roberon, who expect to leave
with their baby tomorrow at they think to head
to morrow —

2 day 28th Occupied assiduously at the
C. House in relation to the Winslows voy-
age — in considerations and examina-
tions preliminary to its adjustment. de-
tained till late in the eve —

3d day 29th Employed in relation to
the Winslow principally in an examina-
tion of the log book to make an abstract
with reference to the opportunities and
success in whaling and to the moral
influence of the voyage on the Officers
& men — the latter of which is anything
but satisfactory remained thus employ-
ed till late gave also some attention to
the Oil works with reference to head work-
man —

4th day 30 Spent the forenoon at home
pursuing my investigations — had a call
from Danl. C. Carpenter of Providence in
relation to Belle Vue — A Robeson came
also with him here a few minutes — Ors
he called with Sister Anna to take Sister
Phebe to Fall River — afternoon at
the Oil works in making provision for
some repairs of the City works — eve &
latter part of the afternoon at the C. H.

5th day 31 — Engaged assiduously at the C.H. in reference to the Winslows accts. Day in examining the Capt.'s book — with which the log book gave a sorrowful picture of the moral character of the officers and seamen — took my breakfast in the Office and remained there excepting dinner till near 10 in the Ev.g. found Miss Bryant at our house on my return and accompanied her to her lodgings — Mr Beane's.

6th day 1st mo. 1 occupied at the C.H. house as of late Came home to Dinner expecting to see Mr Snow who was to be here at the ordination of Thos M Smith as an Episcopal Minister he having joined the Church though recently a Cong.l Minister. The Bishop arr.d for the occasion but was so ill as to be unable to attend to it and so as to cause much anxiety on his acct — S. Hammond was our only guest — and I hope she will remain with us till mother's return from Fall River — Sister Phebe returned for the ecclesiastical ceremonies Edm.d having gone over for her yesterday afternoon — Mr. Snow called after dinner and was with us at Tea — the fam.y generally went to Church Dr Vinton being there — I was obliged to go again to the Store —

7th day 2d I was engaged as of late — Mr. Landers took tea with us — I was at

the Cg. Hse. till pretty late and continued my labors after getting home much later 1st 3d attended Meetings as usual in the day — walked to brother Benj.n house after dinner in relation to S. Hammond and her past position in mothers family — Mr. Lambert took tea with us — after which most of the family went to his church to hear Mr. Smith — Went to the Conf. Mg. of the "Dorcas" Society — which was very interesting — The spirit breathed the Spirit of love benevolence and communion the humble efforts of the worthy members to relieve the distresses of our town to the prompt attention of such as have the ability to aid them in their labors of love

2d day 4th Resumed my labors at the Cg House with and continued them through the day and ev —

3d day 5th Occupied at home with the Settlement of the Winslows voyage and had one or two Calls here on the same subject — went to the Cg Hse for a short time and in the ev went with my fam.y to hear Wendell Phillips Lecture on the last acts. which was very interesting from the curious facts which it contained as well as the extemporaneous eloquence with which they were Related. S Hammond

though pressed declined to accompany us — which I much regretted — as the could not have failed to be interesting

4th. day 6th — engaged as of late in relation to the Winslows voyage, though this day in the eve. went with Mrs Chew & to the Town Hall to hear Wendell Phillips anti Slavery lecture which was very interesting. eloquent and argumentative though I do not feel it necessary for me to adopt his conclusion that it is wrong to vote in the present crisis for either of the Candidates for president — 5th. day 7th. Went early to the Cg. House and remained there till late in the eve. assiduously engaged on the Winslows interesting voyage — on returning home I found that mother & sister Eliza were at our house having returned from their visit at Fall River —

6th. day 8th. Engaged as usual of late — home at all my meals — Lydia Greene was with us in addition to mother & sister Eliza at tea & sister Susan & her little daughter at dinner S. Hammond having been at mothers house since her arrival to which mother & sister E returned at the close of the eve. thought we should have been glad to have them longer for our guests — Went to the Locofoco political meeting to see and hear for a few minutes Levi Woodbury late Sec. of the Treasury hold forth in favor of their delusive doctrines of Free trade

Texas and Slavery, but he was harping on the anti-tariff subjects with his unsound but specious arguments to deceive and mislead the less informed portion of the people of which his party is principally composed — The other subjects I was told he touched very slightly —

7th day 9th Occupied Mill at the Cg. House in the afternoon and evg having been employed in Calculations at home during the morning afternoon.

1st day 10th Prepared before breakfast My temp.ce papers to circulate at the Seamens boarding houses, with an invitation to attend worship at the Mariners Church — attended myself at Friends House of Worship, and passed the rem.r of the day & evg at home — B. S. Rotch called and took tea with us — and I remained with the little girls while the others went to the Episcopal Ch.d Service — Spent the evg. with the girls readg. the bible &c —

2d day 11th Busily engaged on & late at the Cg. Affairs &c — The Presidential and State elections occupying but a small part of my time — just enough to admit of my exercising my votes — The result here is very gratifying but this makes small amends for the Mad delusion which makes the Country go for Polk & Dallas with all probabilities of Texas & Slavery — at least as the main pivot on which the

Choice has turned
3d. day 12th. Occupied as of late at the Cg. House; went with Mary Sue & Ed. to hear the Lyceum lecture and returned to the Store to endeavor to bring up some items of business – which the passing cases relating to the Winslow house caused to be neglected. The lecture was by Mr. Chapin a unit. minister from Charlestown I believe – Subject Life & times of John Hampden interesting[ly] treated – had a few words with bro. Benj. at his close in relation to some desirable changes in our Mothers domestic establishment – and called to see Sister Anna. but learned that She had not returned from Boston
4th. day 13th. Occupied at the Cg House through the day and till late in the eve –
5th. day 14th. went early to the Cg Hse or rather applied myself at home at an early hour to my calculations relating to the adjustment of the Winslows voyage and gave the day & eve principally to the work of making a division of the Oil among the several owners called at Sister Anna's on my way home
6th. day 15th. Had an early call from Capt. Brayton to announce the arrival of the Captain of the Chasity in town having left the Ship at Newport – and after some reflection I concluded to go to Newport and take over a pilot to bring her round – set off with Capt. Crowell at 7½ Oclk and ar. at Newport about 11½ Aclk – went mi. onboard – and the Ship was in mi. Just in preparation for making Sail – I spent an hour or two on the Belle Vue premises, to see to the work in progress there – dined at Townsends & set off about 3½ Oclk for home via Fall River

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I was detained there a couple of hours to settle [illegible] who built my wharf Crane about the manner of securing it in its perpendicular position — being unsuccessful in finding him at first I made two other calls and rode to my wharf & Co., taking a light supper at my sisters — got home about ½ before 11 O Clk

7th day 16th — I gave my attention mostly to the business of the Chester and the barge come to anchor in the outer harbor about 10 O Clk last evg — The wind being light she did not get underway till about 11 O Clk — She came up with a light Southerly wind & tide & sail without stopping through the bridge to my wharf — the Fairhaven ferry boat having given her a short tow as she came through the Channel cut through the flats in the harbor — I spent the remainder of the day & evg. about my business at the Co. & at home —

1st day 17 attended meetings as usual after having prepared 75 papers with invitations to seamen to the Mariners Church for distribution at their boarding houses — at the close of the afternoon mtg. I called at mothers and was much surprised to find her quite ill. She having been taken unwell after she retired to bed last night — Dr. Roach having been called to her about 1 O Clk. — her lungs are much affected the Dr. calls it an attack of Asthma — She was somewhat relieved by his prescriptions as was supposed

Sister Phebe and Sue are confined at home with severe colds—

2d. day 18th Went before breakfast to the Cg House and thence to the Bank Directors meeting on my way home to breakfast—returned to the Cg. House towards noon calling at Mothers on my way—whom I found sitting up but considerably troubled with cough and rheumatic symptoms in breathing—detained at the wharf Cg. House until evg.—when I took my dinner & supper with the latter meal of the fam. my wife was late in the afternoon at Mothers and reports favorably of her—after tea I accompanied Sue there & and Mary to Sister Sarah's to go thence with W. J. Potts and others to the Concert of Ole Bull the celebrated violinist where I left them and proceeded to the Store to bring up some of my business in arrear—Edmund is confined to the house to day with a cold, Sister Phebe Sue & Ellen better of theirs. At the wharf we brot the new Stationary Crane into successful use in discharging a load of Coal.

3d. day 19th Went to the Cg House before breakfast & returned thither after & after a late meal, and continued my work till evg—having been called on about the dining hour by M. H. Ruggles & William Dent who looked over the Steam Mill and on various points I obtained valuable suggestions from them the latter being a first rate mechani-

cian as it regards the operations in Fall River, with the benefit of considerable observation in England — after the latter had retired for his mid-day meal I walked with H. M. H. R. to see the R. R. Depot which he had not seen and then called with him at Mother's who I am sorry to say is not thought to be so well to day as yesterday — I returned to my business at the Cy Hse &c and in the evg took my dinner & supper together and again went to the Cy Hse and staid till the close of the evg — Mrs Chace H was at Mothers in the afternoon & evg — none of our family being at the Lyceum lecture. Edmund being somewhat unwell with a cold prevented his & his Sisters being there

4th day 20th Rose early but less so than I intended by the stopping of my alarm clock — The men failed to get the Charles up the wharf as was intended on the morn'g. tide. as they did also in the afternoon for want of sufficient water — The dredging with the mud machine having been last thorough them I supposed or the tide having since settled into the Channel there opened — devoted myself to my Cy. Hse and other business through the day and evg — had a call from Simeon Borden & Wm Devol with M. H. Ruggles to confer with them about the arrange

ments of the Steam Mill particularly the fire room & the requisite provision for security against fire — I dined at home — M. H. Ruggles as on former occasions declining to deviate from his habit of dining at 5 or 6 O'Clk in the eve — They are here on the Summons of the Supreme Court now in Session here respecting the Contested Will of the late Bradford Durfee of Fall River — I called on my way home late in the eve. at Mothers, who has had a poor day confined wholly to her bed — She is still under Dr Peck's administration which I think unfavorable — I stopped also for our Daughter Mary who was at Eliza Brinkers

5th Day 21 — Spent the day at the Cg. House &c — Failed to get the Ship to the berth for discharging by the Crane last eve. owing to a stone which must have been dropped in loading the Scows for Snell's wharf and not reported, the Pilot of the Ship bring[ing] up against it — by shoving her off this eve. — the Shipkeeper and one other hand assisting me we brot. her up without impediment this eve — Mother seemed quite feeble and much oppressed with coughing when I was there to day — My wife will sit up with her to night. called again there on my way home in the eve — when she seemed likely to have a tolerable night.

6th Day 22d — Rose early in the hope of getting some letters for Newport & Fall River forward by the early mail but I did not succeed — neither in getting one on by the Day route thro' Long Island for Baltimore, no arrangement appearing to have been made for connecting the travel from this place with that line — Spent the early day at our house in adjusting the measures for hoisting out that remaining part of the Ch.s Cargo by the Crane recently erected on my wharf — Smiles large horse having been brot. over from Fall River for that purpose yesterday — after getting ready we found it to answer our expectations — I spent the day after a late breakfast at the Cg House & little evg — — mother had a pretty comfortable night and a pretty quiet day with the promise this evg. when I called on my return home of a pretty good night — Sister Anna the watcher — Uncle Dean & M. H Ruggles called at the house — the former latter still here on the same Case relating to the Will of the late Bradford Dupee

7th Day 23d. Assiduously occupied as usual at the Cg House through the day and till late in the evg mother seems be better and we hope that she may again be restored to health — her cough continues to be wearing though less frequent than heretofore — but her strength is much reduced M. H. Ruggles remained in town last night the case on which he was summoned being

at last before the Court — He took his dinner at mothers about 7 O'Clk this ev'g. and returned to to the Ct. House expecting to be released and go home with the other witnesses late in the ev'g or night

1st day 24th I rose pretty early and prepared the Temperance papers for distribution — made enquiry respect J. J. Francis with a view to send to Fall River for him having omitted to do so Yesterday — on my personal enquiry, after calling at mothers and learning that she had had a poor night, I found that Isaac had walked home this morn'g — I attended mtg. as usual, and in the ev'g. was at the ann. mtg. of the Port Soc'y — the address by Mr. Peabody was excellent, placing the importance of the institution in a very forcible light — The collection was about $14 which is about 3 times as much as has been usual of late — called several times at mothers who has been less comfortable than yesterday

2d day 25th Occupied with writing at home before breakfast relative to the Belle Vue house — and through the day & ev'g. at the Ct Hse. — completed unloading the Ship Charles today with the Crane, which works well and only wants a little skill and training which the use of it will give to make it a great improvement over the usual methods for economy and probably despatch — Called several times at mothers. She had not a good night but has a pipe and rather more comfortable on the whole than yesterday — Sawyer & West laid the un-

derpinning of the low building which D. Pearce has framed at the end of Geo Howlands Wall to prevent his trespassing further on my property and right by extending it further as was his intention the short fence which was put up after the removal of my Shop in the winter of 1842-43 under the written agreement which it was supposed was to end all difficulties between him & me, but which agreement he faithlessly violated, was taken carefully up and laid on his premises by digging up the posts — and at the close of the day it was re-erected on his own land — He was there in the course of the day and met me in the street in the afternoon threatened me with uncompromising hostility in the law as long as he lived for my presumption — the fence was to be sure erected by him originally but only because he sent on his men in anticipation of the completion of the same by men who were instructed to close the breach which the removal of the Shop had made in his enclosure — I called to see M. Taber's family — and learned that they had had intelligence of Rowlands death on the passage from Java to Canton in the U. S. brig Perry in which he held a subordinate commission — He a clever fellow with a mother to support. I called there at a late hour — when she appeared comfortable

3d day 26 Occupied at home before

breakfast & till about the time of my wife's return from watching at Mothers — She reported her having a good night, and my enquiries at the house & otherwise have met accordant statements so that my hopes are again raised in reference to her being restored to her accustomed state of health — I have been mostly occupied at the C.J. House & through the day & evening with the exception of a call at Mary Fabers and about an equal time at the Lyceum lecture which was by our young townsman (now a divinity Student at Andover) John Holmes Son of the Rev. Sylvester — his subject was Wm Penn and very creditably treated — Came up to tea to meet our Son Thos and Edmund Frank who came this eve. to spend the "Thanksgiving" Vacation — They are well and their arrival diffuses new joy over the household — I had a call to day at the C.J. House from Francis and Barnabas Fabers ostensibly in consequence of the letter which I long since addressed to them on the unfair conduct of their Colleague Abm Shearman — but as they said nothing of consequence on the subject — I suspect that their visit was induced by a complaint from George Howland because I have dared against or without his consent to erect a building on my own land which he wants to thwart right or wrong at any

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since the brethren of their remarks was upon the agreement which I made with E. H. by their special advice and which he has basely violated — nothing was, as E. H. has begun to became to referees to decide whether He has fulfilled an agreement, which is too plain a case for the most sceptical and the most cautious enquirers if unprejudiced to doubt upon — — The interviews had no other effect on me while I treated them courteously to show their utter unfitness for the case of a straight forward honesty of purpose or from the sound bias of prejudice to judge of the matter with impartial rectitude —

4th. day 27th Went to the Work before breakfast and stopped at H. Roberts on the way and wrote a letter to send by him to Fall River — devoted the day to my C.G. house duties &c put the Crane at work to day to discharge another Cargo of Coal — sent James to Fall River in the wagon to order the horses bro. over thinking it may be best to suspend operations for the winter — dined with the family and spent the afternoon and eve. at the C.G. house &c — I omitted to mention yesterday that our sons Thos. & Lorenzo returned last eve. from their places of instruction to spend the thanks giving holydays — which in the case of the latter is the beginning of the last

vacation — both appear to be in good health — Met Fos Saben in the street — and reminded him that though he and his brother Barn. had called on me in consequence of my letter to them about Mr Sheaman's refusal to undo what he had done to my detriment in the matter of the agreement which he drew up, to be signed by Gen Howland & me after the misunderstanding between us was supposed to be ended under their advice to me to meet their offer unreasonable & unjust though it was — But I could not get an answer to the point and he seemed as on former occasions to blame me or at least to excuse G. H.

5th day 28th Spent part of the day at the Cg House — went the monthly Mg of our Society — and G. H. being appointed to superintend with others the little Mg. at Rochester I took occasion to inform the Mg. of my disapproval of the appointment, but without calling his name — remained at the Cg House late in the Ev — Called several times on mother — She seems better

6th day 29 Oc. at home in the Mg. about the sale of Oil by the Miss — afternoon & Ev. at the Cg House —

7th day 30th Occupied as heretofore with a press of business — the necessary and incidental interruptions of the day preventing that close and continuous attention that Calculations and other departments of Cg House duties which devolve upon me require I am compelled to devote the Ev. to bring up those we had Rodman Wharton & Brenton & Chas. Wells with us at tea — another

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details which ought not to be in a mean Thomas left us to return to his studyes at Cambridge this afternoon 12 m 1 — Attended Meetings as usual and except printing the invitations to the Seamen to attend Divine Service at the Mariners Church I was obliged in order to facilitate the adjustment of the voyages of the Charles's men to write up my accounts which with all my industry had fallen much behind — went to see Mother, the report not quite so favorable as usual — did not see her as she was composing herself to rest after sitting up a short time —

2 day 2 Rose early and applied myself to my Agency books, Shipped off the Sandwich Islander who came home in the Ship Alcinous now as a Seaman in the Ship Eagle he seemed very grateful for the care I had bestowed on him — having paid for a good outfit — and put the balance of the money $50. to his Cr in the Savings Bank — I was again employed late at the Office. [illegible]

3 day — Rose early and devoted myself to Office duties & through the day and till the hour of Meeting of the Lyceum, as usual I was rather late. but heard probably 3/4 of a very able lecture by Horace Mann on the State of the population of England, which was listened to by a full house with the greatest interest — and probably by few if any without profit — The picture was a very sad one which was most graphically presented of the operatives both agricultural and manufacturing. may the examples & warning which

it holds out not be lost on the in our young and, comparatively with any portion of the world happy country. — Mrs Chase & I was prevented sharing in the gratification by a severe head ache which I was obliged to yield to, called at A. Roberson's and Dr. Williams after the return on business connected with the Charles'n &c. 4th day 4th Went to the Store before breakfast where I was detained rather late — returned thither and remained till eve. the weather being stormy and my personal attention required — returned to tea at the usual hour my eve. meal of which tea never forms a part. and then went to the Semi Annual mtg. of the Acad. Trustees at my Uncle Williams — H. Hart has been here a day or two about the Carpets of the dining room and best Chamber — Our little Ellen has begun this week to go with her Sister Sue to the Academy —

5th day 5th Occupied at the C.G. House through the day & eve. — The pressure of my engagements with reference principally to the distribution of the Charity Cargo, and preparation to offer the Ocean Shares for Sale in order for a settlement with the men for their respective Shares — My associates in the ownership declining to unite with me in the purchase of the Off.r and mens Shares for the prompt adjustment of their voyages as usual prevented my attendance of the Quarterly meeting —

6th day 6th Occupied as for days and weeks past in the business of the C.G. House.

7th day 7. devoted to C.G. House duties from

early down to Sitting Inn and till noon the Nocturnal Meridian — called to see my mother after dinner who is so far recovered as to dispense with the professional visits of D. Rotch. and sit up most of the day — a recovery which gives some countenance to the homeopathic System. and to the propriety of her decision to call in Dr Roach instead of Our old family Physician Dr. Reed

1st day 4th Printed the invitations to the Marines Church on the Temp.ce Journal for the Mo. for distribution by the Com.tee of the Port Soc.y among the Temp.ce boarding houses &c this morng — attended Public worship as usual at Friends' place of worship, and called at mothers and sister Anna & bro. Williams in the ev.g

2.d day 5th Employed at the Cg. House &c thro' the day — taking my breakfast rather late and omitting my dinner with the family joining them at Supper — Miss Osgood was with us at tea, returning immediately after to attend a lecture by Mr Peabody — I accompanied Ma Chase H and daughter Susan in a call at mothers after tea to give her an affectionate greeting on her 84th Anniversary — She seemed quite bright and seemed in great measure restored to her usual health. I had a call from Edm.d Gardner at the Cg. House this forenoon of a peculiar Character — He has not been in the habit of calling there and when he

came in I was in hope that he wanted to buy the Crews Share of the Charles' Cargo. which I have been and am very desirous to sell. But he soon said something about the difficulty between Geo. Noland & me — and enquired whether we might not both be in the wrong — I told him that I could not see that I was — and as a proof of sincerity at least in this conviction, I told him that I have always been disposed and desirous of referring the matter to impartial and Capable men — as I had told him in my last Conversation prior to his threatening me with a Law Suit — he then asked me whether I was willing to do so now I told him yes but that all matters in Controversy must be submitted — the matter of the hire — and the injury which I had sustained from his refusal for two years to fulfil his part of the agreement after I had fulfilled mine at great Sacrifice of money and to the destruction of a valuable appendage to my wharf — from his manner I think he was sent to converse with me either by George or the Overseers, or some others as he seemed more earnest than if it had been an incidental interview or one solely of his own seeking —

3d day 10th Gave attention to the duties

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of the Cg House, to some expenses at the Oil works, which induced me to visit the Academy with Isaac West to see the heating apparatus. Shipped the Share of the Charles oil belonging to the Crew to New York for Sale and after a hasty supper and attending the lecture before the Lyceum by R. W Emerson I returned to the Cg House made out an Invoice which detained me quite late — dinner omitted

4th day 11 Occupied in planning some improvements at the Oil works and in the discharge of Cg House duties — stopped in for a few minutes at the Steam mill in the early part of the evg. to see the first experiment in grinding which appeared to be quite successful — omitted dinner and returning after ten to the Store — whence I retired about 10 Oclk and then had to wait an hour or two for our 4 Children to return through the furious snow Storm which commenced soon after dark from a Family Party at their Aunt Morgans

5th day 12th Occupied through the day and evg by the duties of the Cg. House & called to see my mother who is convalescent, and sits up most of the day — thought my Call was in advance of her rising hour. Called on the way to the Cg. Hse after my dinner or evg meal

at A. Roberson's with reference to the Bell Vue House at Newport being informed that the North wing is not left level by the persons who raised and moved it to admit of a Story below — had also some conversation with Sister A & her husband about mothers establishment and S. Hammonds position in it — which is matter of much Concern on many accounts. —

6th day 13th Occupied at home with the assts of the Capt's of the Winslow all the Mg & forenoon and at the Oil Works and Cg House for the remainder of the day & Eve — the hour of tea which I make my Second meal excepted on elder Children at "the Bee" a meeting devoutly frivolous gaiety instead of the useful industry which the name would suggest —

1st day 14th Engaged as of late at the Cg House & through the day & Eve

2nd day 15th Sent out the invitations to the Bethel after preparing them as usual — attended Meetings as usual — Henry Devonshire a friend from Canada West was present and spoke a little in the morng & more in the afternoon in a very deliberate manner — called at mothers at the Close of the last Mg — and remained afternoon at home

2 day 16th Occupied with Cg House and other duties much of the day & Eve — went to the Co. House about some Cents & tipping Steps to be put forward having been called upon by Constable Dunbar and a young man from Freedom

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of the name of Burt who with his brother are here attending Court, and are exerting themselves to promote the appliances of the Law to detect or check those employed in this baneful business — made also an errand to N. Bates with reference to a time measurer for our days to Mary — called also at N. J. Potter's to see Mr. Angier & Rodman Hotel but saw neither the first named having gone to Salem & the other walked out — our little Children had some of their young friends at tea &c — the little Angiers, Willie & Josephine were here at dinner — at which I was not present as I omit the mid day meal, as quite incompatible with my present habits.

Had a call from Alex Borden of Fall River about going to work on the ledge there to get out Stones for my wharf & business — authorised him to go on for the present tho I must be over there to arrange my plans with reference to that project — our elder Children at a party at Thos. R. Robeson's this eve

3d day 17th Occupied assiduously with my Cy House and other business duties, omitting my mid day meal and making amends by taking a hearty supper, at which I was rather late this eve so that a call from the Freetown men with reference to the illegal vending of spirituous liquors delay by preparation for

attending the Lyceum Lecture till rather late for securing a good seat for myself, so that Edw^d & Mary only went there to hear the interesting Lecture of the Rev. Mr Stetson — I went in consequence to forward my business at the Cg House.

4th Day 18th Spent the forenoon in calculating and posting with reference to Capt Peace of the Ship Winslows accounts at home — Then went to A. Bates, & the Wh^f & Cg. House, returned to Bates for Mary's Watch which was ready at my first Call, and took it home expecting to find her yet there, but she had set off for the Depot a few minutes before my arrival, I accordingly followed her thither and took leave of her there when the time for starting was come — Called on my return to the Cg House at the Oil Works of Edw^d M. Robinson & Andr^w Roberson, to make some examination with reference to the proposed improvements at our Oil Works — rem^d of the day at the Cg. House. Mary was committed to the Care of Mr Nethercut the Conductor for the Passage down, it having been arranged for her brother Thos^s to meet her at the Depot in Boston.

5th Day 19th Busied with my Cg House papers at home till about 1 Oclk, when, I went to the Cg House with Oliver Simmons of Dighton who called to settle his accounts for the last few days of the season — Have very sad feelings from the Supposed loss of the Sch^r Richmond

No intelligence from her having been rec'd by the Steam Bt. mail of to day — The Granite Mill Stone was put in motion to day under the management of Jot Smith the Miller and worked with great efficiency. On returning home was much relieved by learning from Edm'd that the Richmond was reported at New London — went out in the eg to satisfy myself of its correctness, and found it true —

6th. day 20th. Spent the day and eg in making out a Statement by C. H. Pearce's Asst. — had a call in the eg from H. Robeson to get my name to a petition for extending the S. R. Branch R. R. through Middleborough & Bridgewater to Boston —

7th day 21st. Spent this day at home & at the Cg. House mostly with reference to Pearce's Asst — returned to the Cg House after my eg meal

1st. day 22d. Prepared (in the Dining Room) the Temp.ce papers &c with Invitations to Slaves to Church, to be circulated at the Wood Houses &c, attended Mgs as usual Called after at Cg Duffy's & Mothers, before dining and at Aunt Mary's and my Nephew S. W. Rodmans before tea — eg. at home principally occupied in conversing with Frank & the family about the plan of his future studies at Andover — some change being required as he is decidedly disinclined to enter College as I proposed

for him or placing him there. Saw Sister Rebecca at Aunt M's who told me that they had rec'd a letter from Alfred by the Acadia stating that he was nearly recovered from his late severe attack of inflamatory Rheumatism — Saw Joseph Lamb. at mothers — He had a very difficult time in getting over the Long Island R.R. in consequence of the high snow drifts on the track raised by the Storm of the preceding. on Oct 11. 12th — Mother has been in the Parlor for the last few days — She seemed, except Jemima's Parlor & Kitchen quite herself again —

2d day 23d Wrote a letter to M. Taylor relative to Frank's studies on his return to Andover — and after breakfast gave my time to C.J. Hre duties & to writing and consulting with the Messrs relative to the furnace and with Wm J Dunfee relative to the tanyard press at the Oil works, and to shipping some Oil & Candles to Richmond — Edm. being disabled for walking much by a bruise in the heel — took my 2d meal with the family at tea at which we had the Company of Mr Lambert — who left immediately after for the Church where he had an appointment relative to the approaching Christmas — I soon followed him to meeting at the C.J. House —

3d day 24th Went to the C.J. House before breakfast and spent most of the forenoon after a late morning meal in consultation & relative to a further improvement

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& the Sawyer's press at the Oil Works — and finished the day till the usual meal at the C.G. House — Then went to the Lyceum Lecture, at the Town Hall to hear James R. Congdon on New Bedford Life — and at its close, time not permitting him to go through with his subject I returned to the C.G. Room and finished the usual Hard one Mangle dismantled & taken in part to the Cabinet makers to be repaired — Mr. Chew & the children interested in the annually recurring duties of Christmas Eve — Sister & the little girls at Church 4th. day 25th. Occupied part of the forenoon at the Oil works directing the workmen or planning some of the improvements connected with the Furnace &c — usual of the day at the C.G. House and usual at home on the arrival of the Ship Cheapman with Charges on the Voyage —

5th. day 26th. Rose earlier than usual and continued my work — The family were earlier also to accommodate Francis' departure again for Andover — for which place he left us in the early train — Spent part of the forenoon at the Oil Works where the mason was finishing the furnace and Mr. Dupee and the Carpenters at work on the Sawyer press and other fixtures — afternoon at the C.G. House — Where I had a favorable opportunity and improved it to give Capt Pease my mind more fully on his shameful conduct on his late voyage — after my second meal (Dinner and Supper combined) I spent an hour or more at home with Interest Calculations and then went to the Store with my results & stood an hour

— Edmund at a party at Gr. T. Baker's Sister
P. troubled with a Swelled face
6th day 27th — Engaged with Cg House and
other business Cares and duties. Partly at
the Oil works — a calm & mild morning fol-
lowed by a N.E. Storm rain & Snow — went
to the Cg Bethel in compliance with a Sum-
mons from the Sec. of the Ex. B. of the Port Soc
— but the Storm prevented the assembling of a
Quorum and and I went from there to the
Cg House to forward my book entries pre-
paratory to a settlement with the men of the Co
— 4th day 28th Occupied at the Cg House the
most of the day and eve — making a call on
two at the Oil works — accompanied Ma Chase
H. to the Vestry of the Episcopal Church, where
was held a little Fair for the benefit of the Sun
day School Children — on my way to the Sem
after tea
1st day 29 — Prepared the Temperance papers
for Circulation at the Seamen's Boarding Hou
before breakfast — attended Meetings as
usual — The forenoon Mg. now beginning
half an hour later than heretofore viz
at 10½ instead of 10 O.Clk — the change
having Taken effect one week since —
called after tea at Sister Sarah's, H. Rob-
eson's mothers — The Magnolia ar-
rived to day from the Pacific Ocean with
a full Cargo Principally R. W. Oil — She
grounded a little below the Island, on
Butler's flat & lay one tide — & One tide more

2d. day 30th. Occupied at the Cg House and Oil Works — with the exception of an hour in the forenoon spent in entering at the Custom House the Ship Magnolia, in the absence from town of her agent, Charles W. Morgan — who is expected to return tomorrow from his visit & business in the interior of Pennsylvania — The Ship has been out 25½ months. Capt Simmons has sustained his high Character for energy skill and decorum — — I continued my labors till quite late at the Cg House.

3d day 31st Engaged as of late in bringing my accounts into order, thrown back by the extra duty occasioned by the mal conduct of Capt Reese, Our Daughter Mary arrived this eve. from Boston, She seems glad to get home again as we all are to have her with us again — Attended most of Rev. D. Vinton's lecture before the Lyceum — on the Gothic Architecture which was able, very interesting and abounding with good taste in just and good sentiment — at its close I went to the Cg House to continue my labors, now thickening again as the year closes, and gives place to another — with these temporal cares we should be forcibly reminded of those higher and more important Cares — those which relate our higher, — our moral and religious nature — so apt to be displaced by the claims of the objects of Sense which demand our attention but can never be made done when they engross the mind to the exclusion of nobler interests

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Ma Chere Th. Edm^d & Susan were at the Cottage —
4th day 1st Rose early, as usual, but the joyous
rivalry of the younger children in being the first
in their demonstrations of the good wishes of the Season
to all around them had already shortened their slum-
bers — who met me with the wish that this may
be be a happy new years — a wish given and
reciprocated on all hands with various degrees of
levity and seriousness according to the age and
character of the Parties, but with uniform kind-
ness and good feeling, and therefore the custom of
interchanging these friendly greetings is one to be
encouraged — and with those who have the
leisure the visits which it promotes among
friends and acquaintances has a salutary ten-
dency — But in these I have been able to parti-
cipate but very slightly — The duties of the C.
House demanding my close and continuous at-
tention to bring up the business there to a par-
allelism with the current hour, it having
been thrown a little behind this desirable state
by the extra duties and slender assistance
which I have had there — I called at moth-
ers in the forenoon, and at my aunt Mary's
and Uncle Williams in the eve — and again
occupied my post till a late hour — The
weather was favorable, and improved I be
lieve to the usual extent in Social calls
by the gentlemen upon their female friends
and visiting acquaintances — But as the
beginning of a new epoch in our short and
fleeting life it has a solemn interest. In which

should not be lost sight of — may it be remembered and deeply pondered by me and mine — That we may be measurably prepared for such a discharge of the duties of each recurring day and week and year that may be allotted to us in our brief and shortening span as to be prepared to meet its termination with humble confidence and pious hope in the favor of our Heavenly Parent.

3rd day 2. Engaged as heretofore assiduously at the Ch. House &c — C. W. Morgan returned home on the last day of the year and his Ship which bears his name arrived yesterday from the Pacific Ocean full but the 200 bbls. last obtained is Right Sperm Oil — But this voyage though not very successful in a pecuniary point of view, is very satisfactory in account of the good order. good morals and harmony which has prevailed. as one evidence. and a very gratifying consequence of the good principles and good influence of the Master and Officers (Capt Thos A Norton) every man onboard the Ship signed the Temperance pledge attached to the Owners circular presented by the Pilots on approaching the port. I was hindered from attending the Week day meeting of the religious Society to which I belong by the duty of preparing for the expected and long delayed settlement with the men

of the Ship Charles. as soon as the proceeds of their Oil shall be rec^d from N. York, where in consequence of the other owners declining to unite with me in the purchase it was sold — On acc^t of a slight cold I had my supper sent to me 6^th 3^d — Engaged at home all of last day at the Cg. House & thought the day and evg — Mr Chase & Mr. Jinks heard, indisposed with a cold and Rheumatism — and Lester P. who has been confined some days with a fever has a general cold also — our elder Children are at a party at H.G.O. Colby's to-night

7^th day 4^th Assiduously engaged at the Cg House in preparing for the settlement with the Crew of the Ship Charles — anticipating the returns of the Oil shipped to N. York by the Richmond. in the afternoon considerably occupied in superintending some work at the wh^f & store part of the Ch^se — and continued my writing till a late hour in the evg

1^st day 5^th Prepared before breakfast the Temperance tracts for distribution among the Sailors, at the Brandy Houses &c, went to meet G. forenoon & afternoon at the Bethel. the Sermons by Mr. Howe were very earnest and appropriate the audiences not very numerous but respectable. I furnished the preacher with the circular and Temp^ce pledge signed by the Officers and Crew of the Ship Charles W. Morgan to which he particularly alluded in the afternoon discourse — I called at mother's between meetings — and in the evg. went to the Washingtonian Meeting

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where I presented the document and handed in the list of 244 names to be added to their rolls of Fe-to-tallers — The meeting was large manifesting an unabated interest in the important Subject of Temperance. The Speakers were the Universalist minister and a friend of his from the S.W. I believe. — The former in some of his remarks threw some disparagement on legal action in regard to the rum Seller — which I endeavored to counteract

2. day 6 Resumed my labors at the Cg. House at an early hour, and continued them with the requisite intermissions for my two meals this the day & eve

3. day 7 Occupied at the Cg. House in settling with the men of the Ship Charles &c — in the eve. went to the Lyceum to hear a lecture on Astronomy. the first of these, by Mr. William Mitchell of Nantucket & then went again to the Cg Room for a couple of hours — Eben. & Mary were at the lecture also — which was interesting and popular in its Character — He affords another illustration of a Self made man of Science — his early education being very limited and his position & avocations in the early years of his manhood not favorable for Mental attainments. but his talent and industry have removed & or surmounted the obstacles which would in most cases have been an effectual impediment to Scientific attainment & eminence. even to that stage of it to which he has attained

4th. day 8th. Spent the day in attending to business at the Cg House — detained in returning thither after my dinner or supper by a call from Dr Reed. so that I did not get there till after 9 Oclk — returned about 11 — called

5th day 9th Went early to the Cg. House & returned late to breakfast. after which I went to Friends religious meeting — a strange was there who had much to say on love and unity and the opposing spirit of enmity and discord — the one the fruits of the Spirit of Christ and the other the works of Satan — George was present to hear, as well as myself — he may have that that he was innocent — my convictions did not represent unless that I may have been unnecessarily but not unmeritedly severe sometimes in characterising his unjust and vindictive course in relation to me.

— I went from the mtg to the Cg House where I remained, with the exception of a visit to the "depot" — till eve — detained after tea by a call from Mr Beam — on his leaving I called at our cousin Wm Rotch's to enquire his opinion of the advantage or disadvantage of the prospect of his joining the Porcellian Club at Cambridge — then returned and spent an hour or more at the Cg. House —

6th day 10th I have been agaain busily engaged in attending to my Counting house during morning hours and eve — the Girls Society

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of which Mary is a member met at our house and in the evg as usual the young lads joined the party I was at home only in the early part of the evg. when they seemed to be enjoying themselves by the animated conversation and mirthful Sounds which issued from the Parlor — but I learn that they had become later in the evg to an amusement not altogether orthodox in a Friendly manner. thus has come to pass what I feared would follow the introduction of the Piano forte to gratify the wishes of my Daughter Mary — I understand however that She was not cognizant of the condition precedent to which she acceded — the movements were so moderate however and of so short continuance that — none out of the Room I believe were aware that anything unusual in our house had occurred — When I got back from the Store the Company had all retired

7th 1m° Employed as usual at the Cg. House the morning session of evg — There was an absence of fuel (a Federal one so far as I have yet learned — Chalked me in my Class — in the latter part of the evg — Sister Olive called to see me Rachel I believe is about the first time that she has been here since Mother's illness — Mr Chace & wife went to see my uncle William — who was very glad to see her. but evinced that not the most friendly sentiments towards me.

1st. day 12 prepared the Temp.e tracts with invitation to the Bethel for distribution among the Seamen — attended Friends meeting through the day, otherwise at home, and at the Episcopal Service in the Wg. with Mrs Chace H. Sermon by Mr. Salter on the text Grow in grace — a very good discourse —

2d. day 13th. This being the Quy. Mg. of the Pocasset Cy. I set off for Fall River about 7h. Oclk — when a little past Hix ville I overtook a gentleman walking who asked me to give him a ride which I did & found him an agreeable companion — he resides in Providence which he was desirous of reaching by the Boat which was to leave F.R. at 10 Oclk I judged him to be a merchant or trader of that place — made some exam.n in regard to my work at the Shore and at the Ledge — called at Sister Lydia's — and attended the Mg. of the Comply — which in consideration of pressing business was adj.d to meet again in two weeks — made some exam.n of the Co.y land toward the Shore — and then gave attention to my own business till the Close of the day when I took dinner at Micah's at 5 O'clk, a little in advance of his & my sisters meal, and at. at home at 8 Oclk a little Snow falling all the afternoon but in quantity to injure the roads which were in a fine State. — after getting home called in relation to Wm McGaney's business at his house on Bedford St. — and also at my Aunt Mary's to give her information about the present of preserved green Corn which I Wilson had presented through my agency to her & others

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3d. day 14th. — At the Cg. Hse before breakfast to write letters to go by G. F. Hussey to N. York but failed to finish them in time to meet him at the Depot — after breakfast called a few minutes at cousin J. Arnolds about 9 Widows present — devoted the rest of the day and eg excepting the lecture hour at the Cg. Hse — my dr. Mary only was at the lecture with me — the subject the Solar System. W. Mitchell. acquitted himself very well. I hope to have him at our house on his 3d last wk.

4th. day 15th. Devoted myself to my Cg. Hse. duties through the day & eg. Mary & Edmund at their aunt Robesons to meet L. Allen's family — several of whom are now with our cousin Arnolds —

5th. day 16th. Went to the Cg House early and remained there till nearly 11 O'Clk when I returned to breakfast and then went to the religious Mg. of the Socy. of which I am a member having head with pain on getting home that little Chs. Robt Eddmd son of Wm & Emily died about 3 O'Clk this mg. of Croup my wife there this forenoon &c — from Mg. I went to the Cg. Hse and rem. there till 6 O'Clk — after tea went with my wife to J. Rotchs and returned to receive a call from Wm. Biane relative to Miss Osgoods resignation of her situation in the Academy — went with him to T. & Greenes lodgings and there opened as sup.t of the Supg. Comtt a com. from Miss O. addressed to the trustees — and I was requested by T. to make an acknowledgement of the rec.t and to give an outline of the subsisting arrangement with the

principal — and to submit the Records of the Trustees to her examination — On leaving I went to J. Rotch's and came home with my wife that she might prepare to return and pass the night in the afflicted family and aid in the Care of the infant to promote the repose of his mother — the intervening time previous to his call return I spent at the Cg House — Sister Phebe and Edm^d. as T.R. Roberons to meet L Allen & party —

6^th. day 17 Occupied in the morning in writing a note to Miss Osgood — afterward at the Cg house, returning about 12 to accompany Mary to James Arnolds to make a Call on L. Allen & wife & daughter — when for the first time I saw the former and found him a very agreeable man, thence to the Cg. House stopping a little at home to see Sister Rebecca who was making a call with reference to the afflicted family — Stayed at the Store till Supper time, and returned for the Eve —

1^st. day 18^th. This is the 21^st birth day of our eldest Children — arrived at man & womans estate showing how far the lives of their parents are on the wane — a spot of hope & promise to the Young — May they take such wise and discreet views of life as not to be disappointed — may they put forth their energies under the controlling influence of reason and virtue to act well their part on the stage of life, and may Divine Providence bless their endeavors with such success as may be best for them as regards external means of happiness, and grant the higher boon, [illegible]

whether in worldly prosperity or adversity the consolations of his Spirit — may they feel and a Spiritual communion with their Creator and Supporter, the light of his countenance, the approbation of his monitor in their own breasts as the great element of peace in this world of vicissitude, as well as the foretaste of happiness in heaven, when the bounds of mortality towards which all the young as well as the old are hastening shall be fully past — I spent the day in attending to my duties as the Ch House Ke — Our Son Thos. arrived this eve from Cambridge to spend the Vacation & in good health — He went yesterday to Andover to see Frank and left him this morning. I am sorry to say with a cold which has confined him several days to his room — he reports him better and likely to be out again in a day. The family are very kind to him —

1st 10 day 19th Before breakfast prepared the papers for distribution next week with invitations to the Seamen to attend Divine Service — called at C. M. Morgans. as I did also last eve to offer my services if I could be useful in relation to the funeral of their little grandson — saw only Rodman in either instance — at 3 o'clk the friends of the family assembled — Mr Peabody read some appropriate passages of Scripture — and then a feeling Prayer — the remains of the loved and lost (to mortal eyes) were followed to their rest

pleasure in Oak Grove Cemetery — Mrs Chase & Edw.d & Mary being in the procession — Sister P and the other Children returning home — Mrs Chase H. was at the house in the forenoon, while Tho.s & myself were at Mr.s, and Sister & the other Children at the Epis.l Ch.ch In the ev.g after conversation and reading by the younger Children Thomas and I made a call at my mothers — She seems very well again, recovered from the severe illness under which She was laboring when Tho.s last took leave of her —

2d. 20th Occupied with my Accounts and business through the day and ev.g — with the exception of the hours of my three meals —

3d day 21st The duties of the Cg. House & home had most of my time and attention, Called at the Town Clerks Office and made an attempt to call at the Registry of deeds but found it shut in relation to Mrs McGarvey's lot — Went to the Lyceum Lecture — which was thinly attended the weather being unpleasant with Snow, and the lecture not bespeaking particular interest — The Subject, National character, rather superficial in the manner of treating it — at the close I went to the Cg House and in the engagements there I lost note of the lapse of time till I was surprised to find it was nine o'clock.

4th day 22 Spent the day except the hours of Meals at my Cg. House business &c — a part of the Gearing of the Steam mill broke to day which obliged the grinding department to cease

operations — and R. Gould went to Providence to obtain new castings, also to get a skilful workman to put the engine in good working order some defects being apparent, and the engineer who has had the superintendance from apprehension of his own incompetency perhaps to put all right quit work abruptly without assigning any reasonable cause —

5th Day 23d Devoted myself again to my business at the Cg. Hse. &c & thought the day long except the hours of meals, and the session of the Monthly Mtg for rel. worship & discipline — The business was conducted with general harmony — some lack of courtesy and forbearance manifested towards the remarks and enquiries of a number from the East side of the River Brownell — also towards an objection made by Jno. Bailey to the appointment of assistant Clk — he more officious in giving his opinions than I thot suited his unfriendly character. a certificate from England in behalf of Jno. Hoskins was stated to be on the table but as he was detained from Mtg by pressing engagements it was not read —

6th day 24th Again since I devoted the day to my CG House engagements &c except the hours of meals Sister Phebe dined at Thos. R Robesons, where the others of the family were invited, to tea but the weather being rainy and impleasant for the transit to & from, the visit was omitted with the Consent of our Cousin Sybil On returning at 10½ Pell from the CG Hse. found bro Wm here to

inquire about Sister Phebes return which to my surprise had not then taken place — though the Cab was ordered for her at 9 — He & Edm.d therefore set off towards P.R.R. to ascertain the cause of the delay — when they soon met A.R. Ellis's wagon with Sister P. & his children — it appearing that the order for the Cab had by some means had not been complied with. 7th day 25th — Engaged through the day with my Ch. House business &c — Eve. at home having at tea Henry Bond, a grandson of Thos. from Cambridge — a boarder of Cousin Elizabeth Parrais when Thos has often seen him and rec.d kind attentions — He is in the Divinity School and is here expecting to preach tomorrow at Fair Haven — He was a son of the late Geo. Bond formerly a merchant of high standing as well as a man of high respectability in Boston.

1st day 26th — Prepared my temperance papers for circulation in the morning — attended Friends Meeting — and in the aft.n went to the Unitarian Church and heard an excellent discourse from our friend Jno.s H. Morrison, on a text from Ecclesiastes "every thing is beautiful in its time. — Called to see mother at the close of the afternoon meeting. & found her suffering from a rheumatic affection of the knee or the muscles above which made motion of the limb painful — Read Stephens review of the life of Whitefield in his miscellanies —

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2.d day 27. This being the day of the adjourned Mg. of the Fracrell Co. after making some preparatory arrangements set off with Thomas for Fall River attended the Mg of the Co. while Thos was at his aunt Ruggles — where he and the Members of the Co. who attended the meeting with one exception dined — went through the new mill and attended to some other business of my own — and about 4 Oclk set off for Newport to see after the business of the Bell Vue House — found the road on the Island very muddy so that we did not get to Newport till half past 9 — the late mild weather having penetrated to the depth of the preceding frost — went immediately to Hazards (Bell Vue) —

3.d day 28.th Spent the day in looking round the premises — concerting plans for the Culinary department &c &c — in the afternoon went to the Ocean House to observe the additions and improvements there — The establishment is nearly double its former size — went also to Wm T Potters new house which is of but slightly superior dimensions — On this house they are going on strong with the plastering — which is a degree of despatch at this season hazardous to its beauty if not to its permanency — The state of the weather and roads makes us more willing to forego our plan of returning as far as Fall River this afternoon

4.th day 29.th Walked before breakfast to Cottrals Ship Yard to see after Ruggles Scow for which I made him an offer last summer — found her

still lying there useless and unsalable — had some Conversation with Cottenel about repairing her if S. R. was disposed to sell her at her presumed value — Called also on Geo. Engs relative to a purchase of Part of the land which he recently bot. in the rear of the Bell Vue — a portion of which is made very desirable by the extension of the buildings — got his terms for different portions — to be presented to my associates in S. Estate — about 12 O'Clk Set off for S. R. and found the roads improved so that we got there about 3½ P.M. — I went to look after my business connected with my wharfing operations — and Thos. to his duties — I went home with Micah to dine with him at 6 O'Clk — after which Thos. & I went with Mary & Julia & C. H. Ruggles to the Lyceum to hear a lecture by Prof. Lovering on Comets — wh. was interesting but the somniferous influence of a crowded auditory in a small hall, who had taken their places long before the arrival of the lecturer, made me lose the pleasure of following him in all of his remarks — At the Close I made a Call on business on the Senior member of the firm who have taken the Lot on the Bell Vue — The hour was too late for his & family's Convenience but the uncertainty whether I Shd. not leave town in the morning made it proper to meet the inconvenience — 5th. day 30th. Went to the Shore and found the teamsters tardy in their appearance at the Stable called on the brother of John Godfrey the Surveyor in re-

lation to his professional services, after a late breakfast according to the Custom of my Bro.'s family — went with Thomas to the Pocasset Office & took him through the Quequechan Mill, to refresh his conceptions and my own in regard to the wonderfully advanced State of the Cotton manufacture — all the laborious Operations from the Cotton bale to the cloth delivering room being performed by machinery set in motion by the Water Wheel — This first mover as an experiment of its relative value is in this mill the Turbine w.h. works under water at the foot of the fall on a perpendicular Shaft — The Superintendant Stephen Devol does not think it will be a valuable substitute for the common breast Wheel — made an examination of the heating apparatus of the Model School house — fitted up under the advice of the Sec.y of the Board of Education, Horace Mann — having reference principally to the object which I must to gain in hitting upon the best mode of warming the Bellevue House, Tho.s the Plan there adopted though Similar less perfect and less rightly than that adopted at Our Academy — visited my Workmen at the Ledge — who seem to make pretty fair headway for the force employed — Occupied in the afternoon in Settling some accounts — and the weather being very cold concluded to stay till morning rather than expose Thos. to a cold ride now — wrote a petition and enclosed it to Simeon Borden for an Act of the Legislature granting me

the right to extend my wharf 500 feet further Northerly than by the existing law I am authorized to do—

6th day 31st— Attended or endeavored to attend to some business before breakfast, but failed by being too early to meet the persons whom I wished to see — and after a breakfast a little in advance of the usual hour at my Sister's — we set off on our return — and got home about 11 O'Clk — the cold having hardened the recent mud to adamantine firmness — had the pleasure of finding all well — called at Mothers & Sister Anna's — the former much better of her Rheumatism — Spent the afternoon and eve as the Wthr & Cg. Hse — the former principally in endeavoring to disengage the ice from the dock to admit of the passage of the mud boats to the place which I design to fill up— At 9 O'Clk went with A. Rodgers to see & confer with my Uncle Wm Rotch Jr. about buying some land north of the Bellevue house & required by the extension of the building — to which measure he gave his assent.

7th day 2nd mo 1 Devoted the Day to preparing the Rotch Wharf accounts for the Annual Mg — this eve— made a call at Wm H. Swains to see himself & wife & Jno. H. Morrison who is there on a visit with his wife restored to health and their little son of 2 years — after completing the books and Accts which I did at home — went to the Mg. at my Uncle Williams — the business finished, my appointment of Secy & Treas: being renewed I finished the eve. in record of the doings of the meeting — which made me late in retiring

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1st day 2d. Attended meeting as usual at Friends place of worship — and remained within doors the rest of the day having prepared before breakfast some temperance papers as usual to circulate at the Boarding houses of Seamen — My own reading as well as that of several of the other members of the family being a collection of extracts from the letters and Journal of Robert Swain the Son of Wm who was an associate of our Sons when they were at home — They give a pleasing idea of his character, his mind and his heart — and revives our sympathy for his Parents who have thus early lost their only child and affectionate & promising Son — Our daughter Susan has another bilious attack with pain and sickness which has occasioned several visits from D. Read — She is now (evg.) reasonably relieved —

2d day 3. Occupied as usual with my Cg. Hse duties — through the day & late unusually late in the evg — our Susan is better —

3d day 4th Engaged as usual through the day at the Cg. House — at home in the evg to avoid the exposure to a violent Snow Storm in going to & from the Store —

4th day 5th Devoted the day to Cg. House duties — evg at the Store also — Susan is nearly well again — The weather having been very cold for the last few days — I went yesterday about noon to the Head to ascertain the efficiency of the heating appa-

rates — and found that it more than answered Mr. B's highest expectations — it being altogether successful — in warming the house and attended with very little trouble in its management and regulation —
5th day 6th Engaged as usual at the Cg. House &c — except the hours of meals and of the usual mid-week meeting which I attended
6th day 7th Occupied as of late with my Cg. Hse duties thought the day long — Rec'd a call by request of Mary Taber, in relation to my ward — went in the afternoon to the Academy with Mr. Brown the mason of Fall River who is to do the work in his line at Bella Vue to see the furnace & plan of warming the different apartments — went with him also to examine H.B. Willis' double oven — and to the Hardware Shop to order a similar furnace
7th day 8th At the Cg House most of the day — called on M. Taber's to attend to the case of my ward J.P.T. — Pd. Some further attention to it abroad, and had a visit from the Lad at my Cg. House — eve. with all the rest of our family at Sister Anna's to tea on Stephen T. Robeson & wife were also there.
1st day 9th. attended Meetings as usual and passed the day otherwise at home — went to Mother's for an hour in the eve — She is nearly well of her Rheumatism — but somewhat troubled with a cough — Thos. was with me and we met Andrew Robeson. Then

2d. day 10th. Our Son Edmund left us for Boston and Andover in the Cars this morning - I passed the day at the Cg House except the time of breakfast & after the family - and the attendance of the Bank directors meeting - at home in the evg - my wife having as visitors at tea Dr Thos. & Lydia Greene Elizabeth Walter Mitchell, sister Eliza Caroline & Deborah Watson & their niece E. Chapman & Abby Osgood - had a conversation with the latter in relation to her resignation of the place of assistant teacher at the Academy - but found, as I had before heard that she had no intention of withdrawing the Com^n to the Trustees, which was some weeks since entrusted to me, to that effect - in addition to the persons named Eliza Ann Chesman was of the Company

3d. day 11th - Went to the Store after breakfast and was there occupied till near 2 Oclk. when I returned to go with the family to dine at Aunt Mary's - where we had a very pleasant visit - I went to the Oil Works and Cg Room for a short time in the afternoon returning to join the family at tea & for the evg - The Lyceum Lecture by the Rev. Mr Hall of Providence R.I. on Delusion was well spoken of - by others who were there this evg

4th day 12th Occupied at the Cg House the through the day & evg - Writing somewhat late after my return about the Belle Vue Estate, having called to see Stetson about hanging the bells on my way home from the Cg House

5th. day 13th - Went to the Cg Hse. after doing some writing at home - returning late to breakfast

thence to the mid week religious meeting after which I finished the day at the store till near ten o'clock — after tea went with Sister Phoebe to see the exhibition of 7 or 8 Indians from the vicinity of the northwestern lakes of the Ojibway tribe — they were painted decorated with a profusion of feathers which gave a very romantic air as they performed the War dance & other dances — It was the first exhibition of the kind which I had seen and was very interesting for its novelty and from the recollections which it revived of the Original and Roaming races of men who were formerly the only human possessors and occupants of this Western Continent — after an hour thus spent I left Sister in care of my Nephew Rodman Morgan and went to my labors at the Cg. House — during the absence of the family. Thos. Mary & Sue being at Dempsters Concert — my wife had a call from Matthew Howland who has just returned with his wife from Burlington, a call however designed for our neighbors.

6th. day 14th. Spent the day in the prosecution of my Cg. House employments — returning as usual to a late breakfast and uniting with the family at the Cg. meal, at which we had the company of several of our relatives & friends who spent the afternoon here to work for a projected Fair for the benefit of the Orphans Home. they were Sisters Rebecca Ellis and Susan E. & M. Emlen & Cousin Morgan — I remained at home with them

7th day 15th — 2m° 1845 — Spent the day and eve. at the Cg. House — excepting my hours of meals — I found on return home that Mrs Chace H. was suffering with a severe headache so that she was obliged to seek relief in bed — We had expected Edm.d to return home this evg. but he did not come — and we have not yet any intelligence by letter or otherwise — It is possible however that we may yet learn by letter or by some passenger from Boston this evg. the cause of his detention — On third day last a quarrel took place between Jacob & Perry in which as I believe the former was wholly in fault, of which I knew nothing till the next 2nd day — (4th day) when as J. did not come as usual to make the fire in the Cabin I was going to enquire into the cause supposing that he must be sick, when I met him in the yard and he made bitter complaints against Perry and manifested the most fearfully ungovernable passion declaring that he would do nothing more in the house & he attended to the Stable that and the following day when I engaged Rich.d Owens to attend night and morning to that department on which he entered 6th day and J. who had previously sent his family to his farm took his departure after the Morng. 1st day 16th prepared the Temp.ce papers for distribution before breakfast and went to meeting as usual — in the evg called at Cousin James Arnolds (who has been a week at home unwell) at Mothers and A. Robesons. read in Life of Arch

bishop Leighton — one of the brightest patterns of Christianity — Mr Chere H. was unwell with Sick Head ache yesterday — and to day she has been considerably indisposed with it. but better this eve

2. day 17th My Cg. Hse. duties engrossed much of my attention through the day — went to the Inst. for Savings to try to find H's missing book but did not succeed — eve. at home — having the Company of my Cousin Lydia Russell and her three Children with us at tea —

3d day 18th Devoted myself to my Cg. Hse duties through the day — went in the eve. to the Lyceum Mg — which was held in the new church lately erected on 6th Street for Mr. Morgridge — The Lecture was by the Rev. E. K. Peabody of our town and of the most interesting and instructive Character, on book and Reading and cannot fail to be useful I think to the younger part particularly of his attentive auditory — The house was too small to accommodate with Seats —

4th day 19th Devoted the day to my Cg. House duties which were resumed and Continued in the eve. — Edmund returned this eve. in the Cars — he spent nearly a week at Andover with Frank, whom he found well and pleasantly situated.

5th day 20th Continued my labors at the Cg. House except the time of Meeting — which I attended after my forenoon meal — it was small but satisfactory Dr. Russell made a few acceptable remarks on love to God & love to man the two great commandments — Edmund & Thomas were at a dinner party at Gov Randalls, his Son Charles having his friends on his 21st birth Day —

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6th. day 21st. Spent the day in attending to my business at the Ct House and was there quite late in the ev'g — called in the morn'g. to see Alden G. Hull who had the misfortune to have his fingers badly cut with a circular saw which they were adjusting at the Steam Mill — it is doubtful whether he will not lose two of them, the bones being bruised — On return I passed the Town Hall, where was a Military ball — given by the "Guards" and other young men of the town; at which many strangers were — some members of Mil'y Comp's from abroad being in the act of going to it at 6 P.M. —

— Sue & Chas H & sister at Bro. Williams on a leaving visit for a projected pair for the benefit of the Orphan Asylum — [illegible] returned from Bost. to day with G.H.

7th. day 22 Engaged as usual of late at the Ct House — Thought the day & till late in the ev'g — called to see A.G. Hull, whose wound appears to be doing well

1st. day 23. Walked before breakfast to enquire after A.G. Hull — of whom I rec'd favorable accounts — Attended meetings as usual — The weather rainy — Benj. S. Roberts called and went with Sister Mary & Ed. to the Episcopal ev'g Service — returning with them — Spent the rem'r of the ev'g with Ch. Randall alone & called — I learned to day with regret that our son Edm. was at the Ball — I had hoped that he was too well tinctured with the spirit of Friends to wish to go

2 day 24th Attended to my concerns at the Cg House & throughout the day and in the evg went with Ann Chace & Sister Phebe and Thomas to my Uncle Wm's Mary & Ed. having an engagement at the Concert at Geo Randalls' for the benefit of the Orphans home — to which Thomas and several others of the young part of the Company went after tea — Cousin J. Arnold's family excepting himself who left this morng for Boston C. Chandler wife & sister & Bro & niece, Thos. & Lydia Greene, Lydia Russell they daughter Martha were there — Aunt L's brother Jas is with them still on a visit —

3. day 25th Attended to my Cg House duties through the day and in the evg went to the Lg — Room & heard an interesting lecture from Dr. Schroder of the Long Island (Flushing) Seminary on the Koran & Mohamet — the view which he presented of the latter was in accordance with the general impression that he was the great impostor rather than the hero which Carlisle makes him appear — after the lecture I went to the Whs. and Spent an hour or more with mother whom my engagements have prevented me from seeing for several days — Dr. Shroder who is a (called on us) our neighbor & Gibbs

4th day Occupied with my Cg House duties in the forenoon and latter part of the afternoon having contrary to my recent habit dined with the family — our Sons having the Company of Jn° Hames & their Cousin S.R. Morgan — went in the evg with all the family to our Cousin J. Arnolds where were

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most of the Compy. whom we met at my uncle Wm's including his fam'y. on 6 & D. Weston
5th day 27th. Occupied at the Cg. House in the
morning - after a late breakfast went to the
Religious meetg. of Friends - I did not stay to be
present at the Mtg. for Discipline feeling no duty
to do so - returned thence to the Cg House and
gave attention to my business there and at the Whf
till the hour of tea when I came home and follow-
ed in mother's carriage with Mary Ellen Thomas
and sister Eliza the others of the fam'y. except Ed'd
Sue to bro. Benj's to tea &c - when we made
a pleasant visit without other company
6th day 28th Occupied with my accounts &
what business through the day and evg. re-
maining till 1 in Oct at the wharf to assist in
discharging and liberating the Mud Scow from
the Small Clock which I am filling on the east
of the line of Water St as projected
7th day 3 Mo. 1 - Spent the day in relation
to my Concerns at the Whf & County House
- Mr. Lambert & Miss Osgood were with
us at tea - the latter spent the evg here -
during a part of which I was absent at the
Cg Hse - Thomas left us this morning to re-
sume his studies at College -
1st day 3 Mo. 2 prepared the temperance
Papers for distribution at the Seamen's
boarding houses on this and the next Sun-
day Morning - attended Meetings as usual
and at the close of that in the afternoon went
down to Mothers and spent an hour. Eve as

home — Jn°. F. Emerson called on business relating to the proposed A. S. convention —
2°. day 3°. — Devoted the day as usual to my Cg. House cares and duties, had a call at the Cg. House from Stephen Potter and Thomas Nash relative to the contested line between their lot & that Robeson's wharf. lot — which led to a conference by the present Owners of that property — Wilcox & Richmond having bought the part formerly owned by Andw. Robesons. And I was instructed to make certain preliminary enquiries to find on what points we could agree — which were submitted for their reflection
3°. day 4th. At the Cg. House &c as usual through the day and eve — except that some time was spent in a conversation and in writing about obtaining a man to attend to the Garden &c &c — This business obliged me to forego my attendance at the Lyceum — Brigham the lecturer on the uncertainty of history —
4th. day 5th. Employed as usual at the Cg. House through the forenoon & eve. I joined the family at their 2 Oclk Dinner as Chs. Kendall & Wm. Baker friends of Edwd. & the younger members of the family & dined with us — I however took very little of this superfluous (to me) meal — and was ready for my usual simple fare at 7 Oclk — after wch. I returned to the Cg. House

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4th Day 6th Occupied at the Cg. House
5th Although most of the day I was detained from Meeting by detention on my return to breakfast by giving unwilling audience to Nancy Hasek who called to enquire for a tenement and availed of the occasion to give me a heart rending tale of her troubles, which if correct have been sadly heightened by the unfeeling and selfish conduct of some to whom one would have thought might have accorded some aid & comfort on the score of her trials and destitution - instead of withholding the claims of justice, because not backed by the sanctions of Law — It may be well however to make some allowance, and suspend judgment till the other parties shall have been heard — Sent. of the day at the R. Accounts of the Estate &c
6th day Rode to the R.R. depot before breakfast in relation to a man to supply the place of Jacob — and thence to the Cg. House where and at the Asylum I spent the day and eve — Eating the bread of my two sons
7th day 8th Went to the Cg. Hill in the morning — and was detained there till near the dinner hour of the family whom I joined at their 2nd meal and broke my protracted fast at the Cg. Hill & Wife in the afternoon and in the eve. at a meeting of the Trustees

called at my uncle Wm's Office by request of
Mr Beane — on account of the mistaken
views which had gone abroad, consequent on
the resignation of Miss Osgood — Six members
of the board were present — and Mr Beane
gave such explanations as were in the
minds of the Trustees entirely satisfactory as
to the propriety and delicacy with which he
had proceeded in regard to additional assistants
to lighten their arduous labors and raise the
character of the School — Her misunder-
standing on the subject, arising from her sensitive
and retiring character and as we conceived mis-
placed apprehension that her position would
be less respectable and less pleasant, which led
to her determination to resign the situation
which she has so long filled to the entire ap-
probation of the Principal, was viewed with
much regret. But as there was no hope that
her objections could be removed, a vote accept-
ing her resignation was passed and a full cer-
tificate ordered to be presented her of the high
esteem entertained by the Trustees of her qual-
ifications as a teacher, of the value of her
past services, and their esteem for her char-
acter — after the Mtg. I went to the
City Hotel and staid till a late hour
P.M. Day 9th attended meeting Aft & Pell
as usual — and spent the Day otherwise at
home — after tea went to the Closing Session
of the Anti Slavery Convention — where I heard
interesting and effective Speeches from

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E. Quincy F. Douglass W. L. Garrison and Wendall Phillips — at the close of the Meeting I called at mothers and at Andrew Robesons to see Edm. Quincy Garrison & Phillips — E. was not there — had a pleasant interview with the others —
2d day 10th Devoted the day to business at the Cg House &c — Wife at home had our friend Eunice Mitchell & Children & Gd-r Mr Lambert & Sister Fr. Elliot Abby & Mr Hussey & Sister Eliza & C. Randall
3. day 11th Occupied with little interruption at the Cg. house there being a severe Snow Storm in the forenoon which considerably encumbered the roads after it ceased in the afternoon. I returned to the Cg House after tea & wrote till a late hour
4th day 12th Occupied at the Cg House except some time in the forenoon spent in refitting the Crangle, the handle or gudgeon on which it is fixed having worked loose in the Cylinder and some time after tea in making a written Statement in regard to Catharine Hilde-y with a view of getting her admitted into the Alms house — Benj. S Roth Called. Many engagements obliged me to excuse myself — spent the latter part of the ev at the Cg. House
5th day 13th Occupied at the Cg House as usual most of the day & ev — attended meeting after my forenoon meal — Ma chere H. went with Mr Hicks to the alms house this afternoon

I called at mothers on my way to the Cg. Hse
6th day 14th — Spent the day and ev'g. at the
Cg. House — The weather being rainy I was less
interrupted than usual
7th day 15th Occupied in my Cg. Hse duties through the day
and ev'g — called on my way to the Store in the ev'g to see Mr. Hall
at the Potter House but he was not in —
1st day 16th prepared the Temp.ce papers for distribution
before breakfast — attended meetings as usual — and
after the second meeting I went to Joseph Tabers to see
Elizabeth Russell from Syracuse and had a pleasant
call (saw her sister J. T. wife and the two children
of the former) — The daughter just grown to a wo-
man's stature and very pretty — her son (Robert) about
a doz years old — Their sisters home met very sad
bereavements in the death of the husband (Wm Russell)
and daughters — after tea I had a call from
who came from Boston to live with us as gov-
erness and to attend to the Stabbe &c. Called
at mothers late in the ev'g — or rather at 8 O'Clk
2d. day 17th — Went to the Cg House before
breakfast — to the bank after the Mtg. usual
— then to the Cg. House where I remained except
for the dinner hour till ev'g — which I passed at
home with Bro. Benj.n family Mary Underhill Sarah
Ann Cheever Eliza Swain Elvira Nye Eliz.th & Chl. Ran-
dall Elvira Mitchell Wm Walker Wm Brigham & Wm Smith
The new man came on duty to day but his worn not
ready for him till tomorrow. Richards services are
therefore to day at an end for the present
3d. day 18th Engaged at the Cg Hse. mostly in giving
audience to persons on business — in the afternoon

Edmund Gardner called on the affair between Geo. Howland & me — he had seen G. H. but did not bring any conciliatory proposition. I could do or so no more than I had done at the former interview — was quite willing that my case should be known and judged of by any impartial and intelligent honest men for I had s^d or done nothing which I wished to conceal — he could not say that G. H. was willing to meet me on the same ground

4th day 19th Engaged as usual at the Cg. Hse whence I am going there before breakfast and returning after tea. Having again fallen into the habits of the family taking three meals with them each day — giving an example of punctuality in these points —

5th day 20th Engaged as usual through the day & eve — prevented by the pressure of business from attending meeting

6th day 21st Occupied as usual at the Cg Hse and whence through the day attended a quarterly Mg. of the Board of Directors of the Port Soc^y in the eve and afterward went to the Cg Hse and wrote & till a late hour — met them & Sister at the "Orphans' Bee"

7th day 22 busily engaged through the day and eve. at the Cg. Hse &c

1st day 23. — Attended Meetings as usual and called at mothers in the afternoon. Benj^a & Joanna Rotch called here between Mgs and Mary Underhill took tea with us and went with Sister & Mary to the Eve^g Service at Gr. Ch^st

2. day 24th Devoted myself to my C.J. House duties &c as usual which occupied me through the day — repairing thither before breakfast & return after the e.J. recal — Thus has passed my 53. Anniversary of my birth — and another year has passed over my head — no one has passed of more close application to business — Dilligent in business but I fear the other part of the sacred precept that of being fervent in Spirit Serving the Lord has been less faithfully fulfilled — On this occasion upon which reminds me forcibly of the multiplied favors of which I have been through a long period the unworthy recipient. may I crave assistance from above for that strength &c may enable me to be more successful in my endeavors to comply with the latter and more important Part of the divine injunction. that whether few or many more days may be allotted to me on earth I may have a hope, not fallacious, of acceptance in Heaven. — Sister Phebe spent the e.J. at A Robesons. where are Violetta & Mary Ruggles from Fall River —

3. day 25th Gave my attention again to C.J. House duties and to other business thereto relative thro the day except the time taken in attending the funeral solemnities of Capt. Richard Williams who died of apoplexy at his farm in Taunton on 6th day last — Ed.J. at home having the company of Sister Anna & Violetta Ruggles Mary Drinker Bro. Andrew & Solomon Rotch at tea &c — Our Son Frank returned this afternoon from Andover the Session being ended

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he looks well and has grown considerably but he has a cold and has been less well during the late Session than before — Joana Rotch will spend some days with us the homestead has just been sold and William's family have yielded possession

4th day 26th. An alarm of fire in the night occasioned by a fire in the basement of David B. Lyons house prevented my rising quite so early as usual, having made an appointment with Wm. W. Hazard of Newport to commence at Sunrise to investigate and settle the accts. relating to the Bellevue lease. I was a little behind the time. We attended to this business in our library till noon when some business abroad made us & forth. The day was then occupied W. W. H. having taken breakfast with us. He was here again after Dinner and I parted with him near Sunset and went to the Cg. House there again after tea.

5th day 27 — Occupied at the Cg. House & the hall — so much so that I could not conveniently leave to attend meeting — Cg at the Cg. House — our young people viz Mary, Ed & Joana at the "Bee" at Elisha Perry's — took off my Obs. Vane to be mended

6th day 28th Occupied as usual most of the day & evg — replaced the Obs. Vane it having been repaired & otherwise improved — S. R. Morgan dined with us soon after the four elder of the young people set off in our small Carriage

for Fall River to attend a Concert at the M. Hope House got up by J. H. Brinker.
7th day 29th Engaged as usual at the Cg House and when the young folks returned from F. River this afternoon. They had a pleasant jaunt & Visit — Joanna's brother Benj.a was with us at tea — I excused myself after tea and made a late sojourn at the Cg House
1st day 30th Did the printing on my temp.a tracts for calling the Seamen to worship before breakfast — attended meeting at Friends House as usual S.H. was very prolix in her morning exhortation — called at mothers at the close of the afternoon Mg — and took some note of the accom.ns of her Stable my Kirsley horse being sent there to try him with mothers horse in the Carriage — called at A.Ls Stable and with his advice & consent directed a plank in front of the stalls removed, to which I was attributing the fatality among her horses for years past — the last was found to have broken his fore leg in two places — after being made worse by breaking the skin which I suppose must have been done by that ill contrived & unnecessary appendage
2d day 31 Occupied at the Cg House as usual except — attending at the Bank Directors meeting and some in Conference with Ford & Miller of Fall River, the Carpenters on the Bella Vista improvements to getters with A. Roberson at his Cg house — Benj.a S. Rotch dined and took tea with us, at the latter meal were Mary Underhill Eliza Perry — & Judge Prescott called, as did Chs Ram

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dale and Gilbert Russell in the evg — B.S.P. & the judge withdrew early after which I went to the Cg House, return'd about 11 Oclk. I just preceded a band of Musicians who stopped in front of the house to Serenade the girls — then having been a Concert at Lib'y Hall this evg. where they had probably been performing

3d day 4th mo 1 Devoted the day to business claims but did not go to the Cg H. till after breakfast Joanna Rotch & Mary over at Wm P Rotch's to dine his d: Mary Haig returned within a day or two with a son of her Uncle Roberts from Princeton. I was at the latter part of the Lecture by J. Otis Williams of of Taunton on the Jurisprudence of insanity — and then went to the Cg House

4th day 2 — Rose before Sunrise to give some directions and superintendance in opening the Cistpool of the House on 7th Street — went to the Cg House after breakfast and devoted the remr of the day & evg principally to its duties and incidental Cares — Joanna Rotch with Mary dined at C.W. Morgans to day, the former keeps us as our guest to day to make her home for the remr of her visit at her Uncle Williams —

5th day 3d — somewhat occupied in forwarding the job of setting Stone Posts on the east side of our garden the fence there being old and requiring renewal this engagement prevented my doing more in relation to the Quarterly Mg. than attend its first or public part of the Session — There were no Speakers of prominence though the number in attendance was large. The

time not occupied as indicated was devoted to my duties at the Cg. House &c – which were extended into the evg. Our little Ellen is detained within doors with a cold 6th day 4th Gave much of the day to investigation of the settlement of his late voyage of the Cook of the brig Low – which was obviously on wrong principles but the amt. of loss to him thereby arising was much less than I at first supposed – and in negociating with Mr. Cohen late mate of the Canton packet in regard to taking the Command of the Charles – mem: of the day & evg. Cat the Cg House &c – Dr Read came & prescribed for Ellen to day 7th Day 5th Devoted the day principally to Cg House duties being there before breakfast and late in the evg – Our little daughter had an ulcer in her throat to discharge to day She is about and seems cheerful – her mother is also quite unwell with hoarseness & oppression on the lungs – so as to confine herself to the nursery most of the day – Mr. Lambert took tea with us – I was detained rather late by some attention to Mrs. Mendell's tenement to dislodge some obstruction in her sink pipe –

1st Day 6th Attended Mg. as usual and spent the rest of the day at home except calling at the close of the afternoon Mg to see mother and at A. Robeson's, where I saw Redwood Fisher and Alanson Tucker — Caroline Rotch called on return J. with Sister P. from Church — ma chere H too much unwell with a cold to be below stairs little Ellen improving –

2d Day 7th Attended assiduously to my

Cg. House engagements — The Town Mg. for voting on the adoption of the City Charter, taking no more of my time than a walk to & from the Town Hall — there was a majority of about 150 in the Neg. 3d day 8th Occupied with my Cg. the duties so closely that I did not attend the Semi An. Mg. of the Trustees of the Inst.n for Savings

4th day 9th Gave my time to day principally to the business of the Ship Winslow she being now ready for sea but for the refusal of the 2d Mate to fulfil his engagement — Spent the early part of the day in trying to ship another without success Called part at the Cg. House

5th day 10th Principally engaged in completing the Ships complement and in preparation for her sailing — which detained me till late in the ev.g at the Cg House

6th day 11th Rose early to finish the documentary preparation for the departure of the Winslow which being completed She left the wharf about 10 Oclk and the Capt.n followed in the pilotboat about an hour after — The wind was fresh from the N.W. so that they were out of sight from the Obs.y at 2 O. Clk, when the pilot boat in returning was nearly up with the Round hills — the latter part of the day & ev.g at the Cg Hse.

7th day 12 — Made preparation in the morning to go to Fall River to see after my whf.g

business there — set off in the buggy with Ode for Frank about 10 Oclk, he to make a visit at his aunt Lydia's before returning to Andover — I spent the time after our arrival (at 12) in seeing after my Concerns — after dining with M. & L. at 6 Oclk I went with the former to the bridge & wharf — set off on our return about 8½ Oclk & ar.d at 11 —

1st day 13th Prepared the temp.ce papers for circulation before breakfast, and walked out to see A.G. Swift and give a Message from Fall River — did not find him but he called on me before noon — the hour for which passed before I was aware of it so that I remained at home in the forenoon — in the afternoon went to Fri.ds — called afterward at Mothers, and stopped to have a tooth extracted on my return home when I saw through the cog — Our daughter Susan somewhat unwell with sore throat & feverishness — Called Dr. R. to see her at twilight — the prevalence of Scarlet Fever in town makes us fear that she has this disease —

2d day 14th Rose early and went to the C.H. to make preparation for going to Fall River, got off at ½ Oclk and ar.d there at 12 — Went to the Pocasset Meet.g — and afterward gave attention to my Wharf business till part 6 Oclk when I went to my bro.s Nicolas and dined with Simeon Borden there — after which I set off on my return taking James Mingo with me to take my horse & Cart to F. River to-morrow — we came by the head of West port River to make enquiry after a Set of wheels for my new horse team, got home at 12 after mid.t Lodgings for James

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3. day 15 th Rose early and repaired to the G. hse. to dispatch J. Stuing with my horse & Cart to St. River with a load of Scrap Iron the which detained me till 9 OClk — contin° to give attention to my business through the day — though somewhat oppressed with a cold — remained at home through the evg. and retired early to bed — Mr Lambert was with us at tea, Geo. Riddle arrived from Boston last evg. on a visit to our daughter Mary. The Orphans Fair opened to day, which was visited by the Several members of the family — Sue & myself excepted — the dear child being on a sick bed ill with the Scarlet fever but in a violent form

4 th day 16 th Confined myself to the house all day, but gave my attention principally to my business in different ways — made preparation for whitewashing the Fences about the house after a recipe lately published viz ½ bu. lime Slacked with boiling water, 1 peck Salt 3 lb gr. rice boiled to a thin mucilage 1 lb glue dissolved ½ lb Spanish whiting mixed hot & left to cool, then applied hot to the fences — Our dear Susan had a poor night, but Dr Read thinks she is getting along favorably — The young folks — repeat their visit to the Fair in the Day or evg — The County Temp. Convention are or have been in Session to day and Some eminent advocates of the Cause present among them Rev. Jn° Pierpont & H. B. Stanton of Boston — I regret that I could not be with them — Our Fair still with us by the aid —

wife of D. R.; it was his intention to return to Andover yesterday, but for the sickness in the family — in which he has slightly shared 5th day 17 Rode to the Cg. House before breakfast taking something with me for that meal and remained there through the day — not having been sent for as was my expectation — in the afternoon had a consultation with my associates in the Steam Mill on some collateral subjects —
6th day finding my cold still oppressive I remained at home buried however with my account
7th day rode to the Cg House in the forenoon and remained like the latter part of the week engaged in my business without much interruption — went and returned in a Cab —
1st day 20th Went to Mtg. in the forenoon but not being so well in consequence remained at home the rest of the day — Hannah Riddell took tea with us and passed the eve. Our Susan has nearly recovered from her illness — Frank left us yesterday morning to resume his Studies at Andover —
2d. day 21st — Attended to my business at the Cg. Hse riding there & back in Clapp's Cab — taking a luncheon with me so as to remain there like the week
3d. day rode again to the Cg. House and back in the eve.
4th day 23. Resumed my Cg. Hse. duties. Riding to and walking back, as well as walking a little on some business in the forenoon Continued at the Cg. Hse. somewhat late in the eve.

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5th day 24th rose Early to send an article to Fall River by the early Stage but not succeeding and the weather being pleasent I made arrangements and Started for that place between 10 & 11 Oclk — ar. there about 1 — and Spent the afternoon in doing after my wife's preparations dined & Spent the e.g. and Concluded to Stay the night at my Sisters.

6th day 25th walked to See a man at work on D. Durfee's place and then Crossed the river before breakfast to make enquiry for rough Stones called at Israel Braytons. at Wm Slades and rode with to a little landing place called Egypt and saw several persons who had Stone — but the terms were less favorable than those offered by J. B. — took breakfast & walked back by the river to the ferry and recrossed — walked to See Marion Weaver but he was not at home — and made enquiry of Some others — Spent the most of the afternoon in making arrangements for the Crane to load the Stone &c — took a luncheon at my Sisters and left Fall River with my niece Mary Ruggles about 6 Oclk and got to the place about 8 I Spent an hour in executing an order for Some Spikes for J. Crandall the Ship Wright the persons who had them not being found without much enquiry — M. R. went to her Grandmothers —

7th day 26th left home early with the expectation of going to Taunton to See after my Sail S. S. and which is building there — missed the morn

train — which obliged me to defer my jaunt till afternoon — Spent the forenoon at the Cy. Hse except the time to see the launch of the Ship built on Robeson's wharf — She made a beautiful plunge into the water & gratified thousands of Spectators — went to Taunton in the afternoon and saw Israel French and the frame of the Scow partly raised — Spent about ½ an hour there and hurried back to secure my Seat in the returning Cars — after tea went to the Post Office — and retired earlier than usual —

1st day 27th Attended meeting as usual and called at mothers and quite late also at B.W. Morgans in relation to the St John business, and on my return wrote late to C.C. Stewart in order to send it by the express of tomorrow

2d day 28th attended to counting house duties &c through the day

3d day 29th after making arrangements to leave my business I set off in the buggy for Fall River and Newport about 9 Oclk. after seeing my workmen there I left for Newport, and went with a gale of wind (which had Sprung up from the north after a very pleasant morning) and a cloud of dust to Newport except in crossing the Stone bridge where showers of Spray prevailed — arrived there about 2½ Oclk taking my dinner on the way stopped at the Belle Vue House, and gave the remainder of the day to observations and enquiries about the premises, and retired pretty early to compensate for the short night preceding

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4th day 30th — Spent the forenoon and part of the afternoon in making arrangements for various part of the unfinished work, for supplying the house with water &c &c. — left about 3 OClk. and got home about 9, retarded about half an hour by being run down with a wagon with two horses tandem and three Sailors in it about one mile from home which bent the forward axle so that I was obliged to leave it, and lead the horse home, the family of Nicholas Tallman by whose house the accident occurred allowing me to leave it in their care with cloak &c and rendering the assistance which I required. Found the house [illegible] 5th day 5 mo. 1 — attended to my business at home through the day, called in the Mg for a few minutes to see the Town hall decorated and prepared for the Bethel & Seamen's Temp. Soc. Levee in aids of the funds of both Societies, or rather to paint & make improvements in the Church partly for the accom. of the S. Temp. & Society — The Seamen's "Father Taylor" of Boston was there who gave one of his thrilling and characteristic addresses, on the claims of Seamen on the consideration of their fellow citizens and of the World — There was also an address by Mr. Holmes and prayer by Mr. Taylor, some beautiful singing by the few young ladies, and a selected song distributed throughout the house accompanied by the Piano with the Eolian attachment — the — arrangements for the refreshments and for

Serving them to the company who were all comfortably seated, were abundant and complete, and conducted in the most quiet and agreeable manner — On the whole it was a very interesting occasion as to object and details, and as a whole — the hall was very respectably filled, and the net proceeds will I hope satisfy the Captains and Ship Officers, and their wives and daughters who conceived and carried out the plan — as they certainly will be if Mr. Taylors device of getting Jos. Arnold to offer a Special Contribution of fifty Dollars if nine others would each give a similar Sum — E. M. Robinson immediately responded as one to the appeal.

Georgiana Riddell who has been spending a couple of weeks with us left us to day and returned to Boston

6th day 2d. Made preparation in my business for leaving home for Fall River with Sister Phebe & Mary to make a visit for a few days, and Martha Russell to spend the day — I dined with them at my Sisters and spent the day about my whaf business — left on my return with M. Russell & reached home at 9

7th day 3. Made some hasty preparations for leaving home and started in the cars at 7½ Ock for Boston with reference to the Cooking arrangements for the Belle Vue House — on arrival I went to the U. S. Hotel — examined the culinary department of this extensive establishment and had the polite attention of Mr. Clark one of the Gentlemen as its head — Called on Samuel Orcutt who made my printing press, and

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again experienced his polite attention in going with me, at some loss of his time, to several places to put me in a way to gain information — At Whiteley's Shop in Water St. I found the practical knowledge, he having lately come here from London where he had long been in the Business of making Vessels. Cooking and house warming Apparatus — I had not time to complete my examinations and by the arrival of the stage I hour of the train for New-Bedford — I was borne away in the Cars from the emporium of the wealth intelligence & learning of the N.E. States — got home about 7 Pelle, and spent a couple of hours with W. Dupee to give him my ideas & engage him to go to Boston and complete the information which I had not time wholly to get — I was sorry to find on going from the Depot that the Engineer at the Steam mill had been badly hurt — by the turning of the balance wheel when he was standing on it to do something when refitting the Shaft of the grinding department with a new wheel, to replace the one lately broken — found all well at home. Rec'd. visitors except continued weakness of the eyes —

1st Day 4th. Attended Meetings as usual and, was prompted from Called at Mothers by going to enquire after A.G. Snell, engineer who was hurt yesterday, and was relieved to find him much better. Called at A. Robeson's to consult with him and William Dupee about the culinary department of

the Belle Vue House, and after tea prepared some letters of introduction for W. D. on his proposed visit to gain further information in Boston

2d day 5th. Attended to my business at the Cg. house &c

3d day 6th. went with L Thomas in the Carriage to Newport say Fall River to bring home sister P & Mary — got there about 1 Oclk & I attended to my business there till near 6 Oclk. when I joined the others as sister L: took a luncheon of pastries & milk &c and left for home arriving in time to attend the lecture of Hudson on Shakespeare which was very interesting — made some endeavors to get W. Dunpee both before and after lecture but met with no success from his simultaneous endeavors to see me

4th day — saw W. Dunpee before breakfast and learned from him the result of his enquiries in Boston — occupied through the day at the Cg. House & in relation to the Belle Vue establishment — eve at the Cg. House

5th day 8 — set off a little after sun rise with Wm Dunpee for Newport, got there about 10 & devoted the remainder of the day to the Belle Vue business — lodged at Townsends.

6th day 9th Spent the forenoon in relation to the fixtures at the Belle Vue &c &c — leaving Wm Dunpee to oversee the work and procure the materials &c there & at Provc. I left at 1/2 Pt for home Via Fall Rivers — Spent an hour

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upon my business there — and got home about 8 o'clk and went immy. to the lecture on Shakespeare which was very interesting but I was too much fatigued fully to enjoy it

7th day 10th Occupied at the Cy. House thro' the day & evg —

1st day 11th Prepared the Temp.ce papers for circulation before breakfast, and went to Mg. as usual — Thos. with me in the Mg. — otherwise at home — William Dungan called to inform me of his proceedings in relation to Belle Vue at Prov.ce &c — Sally Hammond took tea and spent the evg. with us — Sister Ed.d Mary at Church —

2d day 12th Attended to Cy. House duties through the day which were continued late into the evg.

3d day 13th Occupied in business Cases at the Cy House & till the hour of Hudson's lecture which I attended, the others of the family being previously there — Had a call from Capt.n Dockham late of the James Stewart — and made an appointment with him to see Mr. Jones of Cuba who happened to be in Town, but as the latter was to leave Town in the afternoon Cars he did not call

4th day 14th Spent the day in attending to my Counting house duties which were continued after tea till somewhat late in the evg.

5th day 15th Still occupied by my Cy. House business — a little Sparrow caught in the Cut and rescued before it was much hurt was by the little girls taken to the observatory where there could be no danger from its enemy. It soon revived, and

picked up the Canary Seed which they provided for it — and the windows being left open, in the course of the forenoon it flew out, and I hope it will be more on its guard against the lurking foe. I was detained some time after breakfast to aid the men in introducing a piece of furniture over the balustrade into one of the Attic rooms. — late at dinner — partly because I wished to go at 3 o'clk to the funeral of Susan Salter daughter of Barnabas a very intelligent and excellent woman of about 40 — after the funl solemnities I went to the Cg. House — and returned further in the evg

6th day 16th Again devoted my time to pressing Cg. House duties — with little intermission till the hour of Mr. Hudson's Lecture on "Romeo & Juliet" which as usual with him, was very interesting, the audience quite as large as any which I have seen there, though the weather was rainy & unpleasant — We were somewhat annoyed by a musical Club, who occupied the attic of the building "Sears Hall" immediately overhead

7th day 17th again devoted myself to business at the Cg House, going there before breakfast, and not coming to join the family at tea, made a long evg there

1st day 18th In default of my usual supply of Temperance Papers I prepared some temp. Sailors Almanacs for distribution among the Sailors visited on Sun. to the Bethel — went to Mg. as usual — ~~S. Hammond took tea & spent the evg with us~~ Read in Prof. Edwards on the Affections

2d day 19th Went to Fall River to see after my

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concerns — went in the Carriage with Mother's horse for a mate to mine to bring the young folks at Sister Lydia's to our m.g. Party for the Johnsons viz the Dr. & Henry & their Sister Harriet & only Mary returned with me. Julia being at Lowell & Violetta at Newport — we had a pleasant ev — E. Perry & Randall. M. Underhill Mr. Lambert. & Mrs Salter &c &c

4th day Went by Rail Road to Stonington & thence to Providence & back.

5. day Attended to my G. House duties and in the ev.g went to Mr. Hudsons lecture on Hamlet which as usual was interesting and instructive

6th Day Set off very early say ½ hour before Sunrise for Fall River — thence to Assonet with 7 Francis & 3 other men to prepare for taking the Scows down by making the cattle use of them there while I have long contemplated by digg.g some mud a Sand from the river to fill in behind the whf wall the tide being favorable — we succeeded pretty well — I came to N.B. to see if I could get some more men to accomplish the operation in the night tide but did not succeed. and remained there all the night at N.B.

5th day 24. returned early to Assonet. and made some further arrangements for the business there and then to Fall River where I spent the day in seeing to my business there, returned & reached home about 8 Oclk — and found all well

6th day 23. Attended to my G. House concerns & thro' the day and early in the ev.g had a consultation with A G. Snell & others relative to the Steam Mill, and later went to hear Hudsons last lecture on Shakespeare, on Macbeth — I did not get there in time to hear more than half of it — which sustained the interest which the preceding had excited & confirmed the impression of the value of the sentiments

of which they are the vehicle in the text & the Commentary.
which I had never before felt with any similar force —
4th day 24th — Attended to my Cg. House duties & till noon
2 O'clk when I went to Fall River to see after my
business there — found that the Scows had got down safe
safely from Assonet without the aid of any towing Vessel
left about 8 & reached home a little after 10 O'clk
1st day 25th Prepared some tracts (Almanacs) for
circulation at the Sailors' Boarding Houses to
invite them to the "Bethel" — Attended Mg. as
usual — Susan Smith of Burlington was
there in the forenoon and appeared in Sup-
plication, called at Mothers and had a
call from Wm Durfee who arrived Wg. or
this morng. from Newport, he reports progress
at the Bella Vue
2d day 26th Attended to my Cg. House duties
&c
3d day 27th Devoted the Mg. and forenoon to my
Cg House and other business engagements &
after dinner set off with our daughter Susan
for Fall River, she to make a short visit at her
Aunt Lydia's and I to proceed to Newport on the
business of the Bella Vue — after seeing a little
to my wife's business I left for Newport a little
after sunset and arriving there after ten O'
Clk I stopped at N. Hazard's to lodge — left early
4th day Mg. 28th for the Bella Vue House, where I
staid till noon & P.M. examining the proceedings
& there, which are now drawing, I hope success-
fully to a close — made some efforts for Insur-
and called at Finch & Engs about the pat. burlaps
from Shieves for my Fall River whf Crane purchas

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Left town about 5 Oclk and reached Fall River about 8 — Pd some attention to my business there, and passed the night at Micah's where our 2 Sons & Son & Dau of the family as home were all under 5th Day 29 — Rose early and gave some attention to my whf. business, and set off with Sons before breakfast on our return home — the weather threatening rain made us more in haste to reach home, where we arr. abt. ½ past 8 Oclk. — I went to the whf and then to the mid wk religious meeting — afternoon at the Cg House, and again in the ev.

6th Day 30th Devoted myself to my business at the whf. and Cg House — had a Call in the afternoon from D. Wm A Hosta who wishes to lecture on the laws of health as connected with diet, air, mental Serenity &c — to which subject he has given much attention and written much — went in the ev. to hear him before the Martha Washington Society with reference to their objects to reform the intemperate & the dissolute — He is not a very effective Speaker — at the close of the lecture spent an hour at the Cg House

7th day 31 Spent the morning and forenoon at the whf. & Cg House — having been arranging a Syphon to draw off the water from the cellar on the wharf which answers well — it is a small condemned inch lead pipe leading from near the bottom of an Ale breaker which is sunk on the

South side of the Store (outside) a little to the east-
ward of the center, so that the bottom is a few
inches below the level of the Cellar thence over
the top of the Small Cask through the bore
of a condemned Ships pump log to near the
side of the wharf thence by the side of one
of the fenders into the water at most times of
the tide — Some difficulty was experienced
in filling the tube, and the attempts to do it
through an orifice prepared for the purpose
in the highest bend of the pipe proved unsuc-
cessful while preparing for action — the air
not being driven out by the descending wa-
ter as when the force of a Small engine
was applied — but finally by inserting the
pipe of the engine into the outer end of the
leaden pipe at low water — by a few strokes
of the piston the object was effected, and
the Stream kept up till the exhaustion
of the pipe overpowered the Streams running
into the Cask — and the air was again ad-
mitted into the pipe. This however did not
take effect till the dampness of the Cellar
was bare except in lowest places — which
did not communicate with the reservoir.
— by opening little channels to the reservoir
or filling up the low places with earth the
object aimed at I think will be sufficient-
ly attained — I have made also within a day
or two some further trial with my Submarine
examiner, but with full success — My Camphene
lamps not answering my expectations — After

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dinner I set off for Fall River to see after my business there, and got back after 11. Still having my monthly settlement to make with my workmen I was much of the time at the office of the Pocasset Co — saw Commº Micah there, and Sister Lydia a moment at her own door —

1st day 6th mº 1 — Before breakfast prepared some pamphlets for distribution at the Boarding Houses for Seamen to invite them to the Bethel — went to mg. as usual — in the forenoon Susan Smith of Burlington spoke in her accustomed agreeable and attractive manner, in the evg I went to hear Dr. Alcott's lecture in the Central Chapel on the healthful tendency of Religion — There were some interesting facts stated, but the performance altogether was not at all imposing — retired on getting home to prepare for rising early to write an Invoice & letter previous to the start of the Cars for Boston. I did not attempt to see Walter Mitchell and Mary Underhill who spent the evg here

— 2d day 2d — Confined myself principally to C.G. Hse duties — gave considerable attention however to readjusting in an improved manner the Syphon — Had a call from Mr Beane in relation to the State of the Academy with which — and its prospects he seems pretty much discouraged — Went to the C.G. Hse. after Mr Beane had retired

3d day Gave attention to my C.G. House duties and the operations with the Syphon tile

noon, then came home to dress for Fall River — A call from Susan Smith the daughter Maria Reeve & her husband Josiah also Dyer Smith delayed my departure — left at 1/4 Past 4 got back 'per train on 11 Oct.

4th day 4th Occupied at the whf. Cg House thought the day, a considerable time being given to completing my arrangements for exhausting the water in the Store Cellar having met with some unexpected difficulties which I am not sure are yet surmounted had also a pretty long conference with Israel French of Taunton who is building my Scow with reference to said rigging &c — Cg partly at the Cg House and at Wm Simpkins. he having returned to day from Newport having spent about four weeks there in directing the election of the Culinary apparatus Water Closets &c — The Plumbers also are here. and with reference to them did was the Cg intending

5th day 5th Occupied most of the forenoon with reference to the case of Alex. Eagleson the plunderer of Steamer ~~Ark~~ Oriole whose men did the work in that line — Dr. Hardy and Coggeshall daughter of Haydon married to day at Friends Mg. House the Spectators were very numerous — I devoted the afternoon Cg to the operations for draining the cellar of Store a main drain 4 to Cg. House &c &c.

6th. Day 6th Occupied through the day & Cg. about my business at the whf. Oil works & Cg. House &

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7th day 4th. At the Cg House before breakfast which meal was deferred till rather late then engaged in preparing a mortgage deed to secure my loan from the Fall Riv. Pr Savings. Set off after noon for Fall River where I finished the day and returned in the evg with my head workman

1st day 8th Rose early and made some unsuccessful endeavors to procure some papers or tracts to accompany the usual invitations to the Seamen to attend divine Service at the Bethel — Attended meetings at usual and in the evg made some preparations for leaving home early tomorrow for Fall River after tea went to the Epis. Ch. & heard the Rev Dr. Hall

2. day 9th left home with J. Francis about Sunrise for Fall River — obtained through the favor of the Cash. of the Mer. Bank the amt necessary to meet a note in Boston, went to R.R. Depot and took a ticket on their first Stage — for Taunton — found Rev. H. Lee in the cars — also Jos Congdon with whom I entrusted my Porter trade — and stopped at Taunton, rode to the Ship yd eg Mr. Francis to examine my Scow Schr — found her nearly ready for the Sheathg. of bottom & deck — after attending to measures for Sails & rigging returned to Fall River in the Cars and devoted the remr of the day to my Concerns there returng home quite late in the evg

3d day 10th Attended to my Concerns at the Cg House Warehouse &c which claimed my attention to the exclusion of my attendance of Dr. Alcotts Lecture

4th day 11th Occupied in attending to my Cg House duties and other business cares through the day called in the evg at N. Roberts to endeavor to

to induce him to go to New York with me tomorrow 5th day 12th. Left off pretty early for N. York via Fall River — Stopped some time and changed my horse at the latter place and then proceeded to the Bellevue House — arr.d between 12 & 1 O'clk — and spent the time till about 4 PM in examining the premises and directg. the completion of the removal of the Shed, the 2 halfs of the old barn &c. — The interior of the house being prepared for Company — while the rear from the incomplete stage of the improvements contrasts very strongly with the beautiful front now embellished with foliage & flowers of the noble Horse Chestnut trees which front the old Park — The interior being also fully accordant in finish and furniture and all necessary arrangements to that in promise of comfortable accommodations to their visitors I think it surpasses both of the New Houses — left Newport about 4 O'clk and got to F.R. about 12 — from the lateness of the hour found some difficulty & delay in rousing the Ostler & Innkeeper to take the horse and Shelter me — at last I was taken in at Lawtons and passed the remn. of the night on a Sofa — a severe tempest occurring without 6th day 13th rose in season to obtain from the Cashier of one of the banks a check to remit by Rail Road to Boston — breakfasted at the Eagle House and dined at M. H. P's his particular family being all in Boston Ch.s Violetta & Julia being only at home — Spent the day

in Leeing after my business there and left about 8 a Oclk. my Sisters. the 2 the others having returned from Boston in the eg train

7th day 14th Attended to my Cg House duties as through the day & eg - except the time in the afternoon spent at the Mtg. of the Trustees for Acady which was held at B & S W.J. Hotchs' Store - in the absence of the President - the papers & his accts. as Treasurer not being accessible the Mtg was adj. to the eg of the 21st at the Pas. Office - My wife & Ellen having returned this eg I was detained an hour after tea when I went to the Cg House again and staid till midnight - Edmund having left them at Meanspied to continue his route to Newport where he wished to spend a day and attend the opening of the Yearly Mtg of Friends tomorrow -

1st day 15th Prepared invitations to Call the Seamen to the Bethel. attended meetings as usual & spent the eg. at home, took a walk towards eg in the Garden which is now in fine order - called at Andrews at the close of the afternoon Mtg. and on crossing Market Square I found a meeting in the open air - held by a young man with a plain coat & full beard who is said to be one of the new sect who call themselves Christian Israelites - He spoke with a good deal of fluency - Mrs Chase H. went with Sister P & May to the Episcopal Service in the eg - Mrs J. at home with the little girls -

2. day 16 Occupied at the Cg House &c the
the day &c — we heard to day of the death of my cousin
3. day 17th Went to Taunton in the morn
train of Cars to see to my Scow Schooner
returned to Fall River where I spent
the day at my wharf &c — dined at 1/4
Oclk at Nicols and got home at 6 1/2
4. 18th Attended to my home & Cg. House af-
fairs &c — Some of the young members of the
family went by previous arrangement on a
jaunt to Horseneck Beach — we discour-
aged Mary's going out of respect to the mem
ory of our Excellent Aunt
5th day 19th Occupied at the Cg House &c
— Mary went on an excursion for a draw
ing lesson with Mr Segers Class — Mrs
Lambert one of it — returned here to tea
— Edm^d got home that afternoon from
Newport — Mary Underhill & Lee Jr in
the eve — I went to the Cg House after
Mr L left us and remained quite late —
On second thought — it was yesterday that
the Sketching Party went out to practice
and that Ed^d din^d fr. Newport
6th day 20 devoted the day principally to
attending to the subject of the disputed line of
division between the land of the heirs of the late
Thurston Potter and the Wharf Lot of Wil-
cox & Richmond before H H Draper & Samuel
Hopkins — later part of the afternoon & Eve
at the Cg House — Rode into the Country before breakfast
7th day 21 Spent the morn. quietly with us-

arose to the work in Mothers Garden — and an hour after breakfast at the Office J. W. D. & Co on the Submitted Case of the disputed line of division — about 10 — Self set off with Seth H Ingalls for Fall River — and had a Shower on the way Spent the time there Principally in assisting S. H. I in taking the levels to ascertain the grade of the road to my wharf (Sr Grove) Dined at Dawtons and called at Sister Lydias & got home a little after 10 — Our daughter Sue quite ill to day probably from having been imprudently to bathe in the Harbor yesterday when the air & water were too cold — Dr Spooner was Called in the temporary absence of Dr Rew from Town — the latter came afterwards — I learn that She was considerably relieved 1st 22. Prepaid & Some tracts for distribution viz the Sailors Almanac, before breakfast went to Meeting as usual, it was very Small for the Season. The yearly Meeting at Newport not having yet closed its Session Susan Smith Spoke very acceptably in the forenoon in exhortation in the afternoon in Prayer. I made a call at Albert Thomas's on an errand of Charity and at Mothers where I Saw Jos. Lea Jr in the Afternoon of the Day at home — Read the Statement of Swanzey Monthly Meeting relative to the Proceedings of the Comtt of the Mass Sufferings in regard to the dismemberment of that Mly. Mg. for causes connected with the

doctrines of J. J. Gurney as promulgated during his travels in this Country and in his writings — Our d. Susan confined to her bed — but better —

2d. day 23d. Occupied at home a considerable part of the day — D. Alcott made a Call with his books — I called at my Uncle Williams after dinner — in relation to the Bellevue House — Otherwise engaged about my business &c at the Ct House &c &c till eve when I went to D. Alcotts Lecture — Edmd & Mary went in the buggy to Fall River to be at a Party at A Robeson Jrs — They will not return till to-morrow

3d. day 24th. Occupied with my Ct. House concerns &c. Attended another meeting of the Referees on the line between Potter &c & Wilcox & Richmond &c C. W. Morgan having failed to attend at the Session on 2d. day this was called in consequence — We then decided in the afternoon which is satisfactory to me & C. W. Morgan & probably may be virtually to the other parties. — W. Richmond objecting to the eastern terminus as indicated but will probably accept its intersection of the former line of High water, whence an act of the Legislature fixes the line of wharfs or water lots on this River one Each. — Attended a meeting of the Bot Soc. Ex. Com. in the evg. Stopping at mothers to take a light eve meal

4th. Day 25th. Attended Chiefly to Ct House

duties through the day — and in the Ev'g was at Dr. Alcotts concluding lecture of his course — the audience as heretofore very small — though the subject is one of great interest & importance both Morally & physically to every person — Henry Sharpless one of our Sons Hartford School fellows took tea with us as did Mary Underhill Jr —

5th day 24 Attended to Cg. House duties the fore part of the day and went to Fall River in the afternoon — whence I returned about 10 Jr Oclk — Richard Mott was at the Mtg. Ms — which my wife attended & heard him to much Satisfaction — Thos. & Lyman, his brother bro. in Law called in the ev'g — my wife only being at home —

6th day 27th Went in the morning to air to Taunton to see about my Scow Schooner — which agreeably to a letter Wch I rec'd last ev'g. I found all ready to take her departure for Fall River which accordingly I dispatched her without delay — and I returned in the Cars — applying myself in the afternoon to my Cg House duties and also in the ev'g — The pressure of my engagements preventing me from joining Ma Sheri & Sister in a call at our Cousin Jas Arnold's to see the family and their guests Richard Dana & Son

7th day 28th devoted myself to my Cg House services in the Mg & till near two Oclk when I set off for Fall River after a hasty dinner — stopped as I intend the town to get an ad-

ditional Seat to my Wagon to accommodate Bradford Francis my Sec. Walk Layer — I soon learned from And. Roberson whom I met returning that one of my horses had been hurt by the Engine — On getting to the lot I found that my J. after the passage of the Passenger train, and when the horse had fairly got on the track another engine with frt. came down and struck him snapping the Wood Iron traces and taking the horse off his legs, carried him about 50 yds. when the engineer brot. it up — the horse falling & [illegible] and being shoved some distance till the resistance added to the reversed action of the engine stopped the train — contrary to all expectation by my workmen who saw the accident the horse sprung up on being disentangled from the Engine — and ran a short distance when he was stopped and led to the barn — very badly bruised and wounded in several places — I had to attend to the business of the Sch. & and soon left for home with D. B. Francis — got home about 10 O'Clk — Eliz & Ned Ellen Channing and Mrs. [illegible] were here as I left — I found F. M. Weld & Walter M. to see them home — Some had left the room before arrived —

1st day 29 Rose early and made a Slight general ablution — prepared some pease [illegible] with invitations to the Seamen to Church for

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distribution attended Meetings as usual — Sat. at the last in consequence of my working at a fire in the lower part of Water St. for a couple of hours, which made it necessary to change my clothes — an adjacent beam from which the fire was comm.d to the house was destroyed — and the house nearly so though the frame except the roof posts & Chimney is yet standing —

— Eve.g at mothers & at the P. Office to get a letter to send in the mail —

2.d day 30.th Rose early and went with I. Francis to Fall River where I was busily employd in making preparation for receiving Stones from the opposite Shore made one or two trips to test the Sailing qualities of the Sch.r which proved Satisfactory but we were not prepared and the wind was to high to make the first experiment in loading her — latter part of the afternoon and eve.g at the respective offices making up the Monthly accts & payments for the Laborers — as the eve.g was very dark I went to my Sisters for the night

3.d day 7m° 1 Left Fall River early and got home to breakfast — applying myself to my ordinary business at Home, the Eve.g at home, having the Company of Mr. Bean's family & Martha Mitchell & his wifes mother & Step father Mr. & Mrs. Bradley

4.th day 2.d — Gave most of the forenoon to the Subject of the Steam Mill in conver

ing with Cornelius Tompkins of Warren whom we had invited here to consult upon converting it to the Cotton manufacture — he with Jno. D. Brown with whom I have had some correspondence on the Case under consideration dined with us — the latter leaving early after for the return Cars I was late at the Cg House in the evg

5th Day 3d — Chiefly occupied at the Cg House through the day & evg — I went quite late to our Cousin Sarah Arnolds Party — where my wife and the two elder Children were somewhat earlier — It was large and pleasant company Missing Several Strangers from Boston & Providence besides their acquaintances in this Town — Gov. Briggs was a little expected — but he was not there —

6th Day 4th Attended to my Concerns at home till near noon when I went to Fall River to test the platform Mg Machine — but partly from its being a general holyday I did not wholly succeed — returned in the evg

7th day Gave attention to the business of the Club but was not able to clear her out as I had intended — late at the Cg House

1st Day 6th prepared the Sheet anchor for distribution at the board of Trades for Examen. attended

Meetings as usual — and employed the intermission and the evg. in looking over the back newspapers to send in the Charles —

2d day 7th Devoted the day to the affairs connected with the departure of the Charles — and completed the arrangements as I supposed for her to sail tomorrow — occupied late in writing

3d day. prepared my letter of Instructions for the Master of the Charles in the morng. but the early departure of the Captain was prevented by the backwardness of one of the men in getting his clothes from a neighboring town we were detained till past 12 at noon — when we shipped another boat steerer — and the Captain & he followed the Ship then at the mouth of the bay; in the pilot boat — Attempted at intervals evg. to make a call at the lodgings of Walter & Mary Underhill but as they had company we as usual not succeed — we continued our walk to J A & L Greene's lodgings where we spent the evg

4th day 8th — Attended to my House & business through the day and in evg. we had the company of our frds. W & M. Underhill

5th day 7mo: 9mo. 10th After attending to necessary business in the morning went to Fall River — arrived there about 12 Oclk — Spent the day in seeing to my affairs, particularly in relation to manning the Schooner — which detained me till late — so that I did not get home till about 12 Oclk —